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THE MAYOR'S COLUMN



As we bundle up against the season's cold, many West Des Moines residents are still warmed by the success and great memories from our community hosting the Solheim Cup, which is the largest international athletic event ever held in Iowa. By every measurement, the professional women's golf competition that drew tens of thousands of people to the Des Moines Golf and Country Club tournament was a runaway success.

It made me extremely proud that attendees, golfers and the media raved about our city and how everyone who worked at the event was prepared, professional and so friendly. It says a great deal about our community that more than 2,000 volunteers and countless residents went the extra mile to make visitors feel welcome during their stay.

The Solheim Cup allowed us to show the world that we're more than capable of hosting such a prestigious international sporting event. Who knows what doors this will open in the future or how we'll benefit from the positive publicity we earned for a job well done.

It makes sense to capitalize on the goodwill we generated by continuing our efforts to promote our community. One of the benefits of being the host city for this event is that we received 30 seconds of broadcast time to run a television commercial during

the competition. City staff worked with Bing Bang, a local digital/online marketing agency, to produce a spot with the tagline *Go West* to promote West Des Moines during the Solheim broadcast on NBC. The spot features 14 location shots that highlight our excellent schools, businesses, events and quality of life amenities.

Since August, we've used *Go West* in a new marketing campaign for our city that includes additional short videos, infographics and the creation of a new economic development website. Judging from the very positive response, we'll continue to use it for the foreseeable future as we fulfill an economic development action plan the City Council adopted. Experts agree that proactive economic development and a business friendly environment help in recruiting new businesses and encouraging current ones to expand.

Our economic development plan identifies assets to leverage such as our reputation as a family friendly city, our outstanding education system, strong insurance and finance sectors, enviable quality of life, expanding employer base, attractive retail offerings, modern infrastructure, high household income and interstate highway connectivity. Also, West Des Moines continues to be the only city in Iowa with a stand-alone Human Services department

that assisted over two thousand West Des Moines households last year. These strengths set West Des Moines apart from other communities, and they are extremely attractive to people looking for a progressive place to live and work.

As we enter 2018, we'll be creating an online presence aimed at site selectors from across the nation who make decisions about where businesses locate. Critical steps in this process will be developing marketing materials that focus on community and industry assets and connecting online visitors to development opportunities. We also will feature testimonials from local business owners that emphasize the exceptional business climate in West Des Moines.

In today's competitive environment, cities cannot afford to become stagnant. West Des Moines has so much to offer. By promoting our strengths, we'll be able to grow our tax base, attract new residents and businesses and address future workforce issues.

If you missed our commercial, visit the new *Go West* website at: www.gowestdesmoines.com. Here's to telling our story about why people and businesses should *Go West Des Moines!*

Steven K. Gaer

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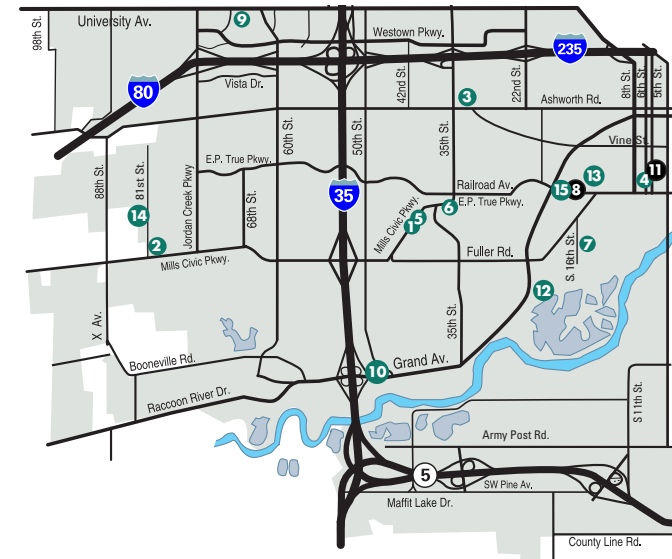
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- 1 City Hall:** 4200 Mills Civic Pkwy
- 2 Public Safety Station #19:** 8055 Mills Civic Pkwy
- 3 Fire Station #21:** 3421 Ashworth Road
- 4 Human Services:** 139 6th Street
- 5 WDM Public Library:** 4000 Mills Civic Pkwy

- 6 Law Enforcement Center:**
250 Mills Civic Pkwy
- 7 Public Services:**
560 S. 16th Street
- 8 Fire Station #17:**
1401 Railroad Avenue
- 9 Westside Fire Station #22:**
1801 68th street
- 10 Fire Station #18:**
5025 Grand Avenue
- 11 Valley Junction Activity Center:**
217 5th Street
- 12 Nature Lodge:**
2500 Grand Avenue
- 13 Holiday Aquatic Center:**
1701 Railroad Avenue
- 14 Valley View Aquatic Center:**
255 S. 81st Street
- 15 Water Works Plant:**
1505 Railroad Avenue

BLUEBIRD BOXES



Rogers Shell has been spreading happiness throughout WDM for the last three years!

He started in Raccoon River Park, but now you may encounter him throughout four of our parks. He may be seen early in March trudging through the prairie at Valley View Park or working diligently in the late summer heat at Fairmeadows Park. Rogers definitely makes West Des Moines a better place to live for all, but he focuses his attention on the Eastern Bluebird.

The Eastern Bluebird is a beautiful bird a little larger than a house sparrow. The males have a brilliant bright royal blue color on their back and head and a warm red-brown on the breast. The females are similar in color, but are adorned with more muted blues and reds. The Eastern Bluebird is a cavity nester, which means that they nest in a hole in a tree or fencepost. Their numbers fell dramatically due to loss of habitat and the introduction of the Starlings and House Sparrow who aggressively fought for the same nesting places. In the 1960s and 70s people began to replace the bluebirds "natural" nesting cavities with man-made boxes. Since that time their numbers have been steadily increasing thanks to people like Rogers!

In West Des Moines we have four different "bluebird trails" containing 38 bluebird nest boxes. They aren't trails, as you may know them, but rather a series of bluebird boxes that are placed approximately 200 yards apart. Rogers started West Des Moines' first bluebird trail in Raccoon River Park in 2015. He has since added others in Valley View, Brookview and Fairmeadows Parks. Currently, Rogers has established 29 boxes in West Des Moines.

These boxes create an artificial nesting site for all cavity nesting birds. There are many types of bluebird boxes, but Rogers uses a box with a slot instead of a hole. The slot is small enough that it excludes the starling,



but allows an easy escape if the bluebird's nest is attacked. The boxes are placed in an open field where the bluebirds can easily hunt for insects in the short grass and special care is given to avoid brushy areas where wrens would take over the house. Other birds nesting in bluebird houses would include tree swallows, chickadees and house sparrows. Frequently, two houses are placed only 20 feet apart where tree swallows and bluebirds can live harmoniously as "bird neighbors."

Now, the bluebird houses are empty and the front door is left open to deter mice from taking up residence. In the spring, Rogers and his group of volunteers will repair, clean and close boxes and wait for the bluebirds to arrive. Each trail will be monitored weekly from late March through August. A trail volunteer will walk their bluebird trail to remove any sparrow and wasp nests and record types of nesting birds, numbers of eggs and numbers of fledged bird. Each box could possibly see three broods of bluebirds, but two broods is more common. In 2017 the bluebird trails in West Des Moines fledged 30 bluebirds.

Rogers not only coordinates the bluebird efforts in West Des Moines, but he is the Bluebird Trail Coordinator for Polk County! This 84-year-old retired accountant coordinates the efforts to monitor 458 bluebird boxes and approximately 20 volunteers! When asked why he does all this, he answered, "I have to do something, and bringing back bluebirds is a worthy cause."

If you are interested in becoming a trail monitor or substitute trail monitor, contact Rogers at deeshell@live.com.

FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Yes, Microsoft is Paying Taxes!

By Tom Hadden



Data centers are locating in Iowa, and media coverage has focused on the large tax breaks these corporations are receiving. I want to assure you this is not true in West Des Moines. Microsoft is paying taxes.

In some cases, people are confusing tax increment financing (TIF) with tax abatement. West Des Moines used TIF with Microsoft. We did not use tax abatement.

The term tax abatement means that a property owner, whether a homeowner or a business, does not pay taxes. If a City gives a company a 20-year, 100% tax abatement, the company pays no property taxes during that time. This approach was used for Facebook in Altoona.

Other communities give partial tax abatement. Waukee recently chose this option when they awarded 71% tax abatement to Apple. Keep in mind that whether partial or full, tax abatement postpones tax payments and forces public entities to make up the difference in some other way.

In contrast to other cities, West Des Moines did not abate or lessen taxes for our three data centers. Microsoft has paid, and will pay, taxes based on a peak of \$600 million in taxable value. The company has agreed to a value for each of their three projects and will pay the total taxes for 20 years, at which time the value will be updated by the assessor.

So where do the tax receipts from Microsoft go?

The city, school district and county each receive debt service payments that help pay costs associated with borrowing money for projects. While all three of Microsoft's facilities are in West Des Moines, each one is in a different county and a different school district. This means that Polk, Warren and Dallas counties, and the West Des Moines, Norwalk and Waukee school districts, all benefit from Microsoft's property tax payments.

The difference between TIF and tax abatement is easy to understand if you remember that tax abatement benefits a company and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) benefits a community (cities, counties and schools). Cities and counties use TIF for new development or redevelopment. Once an area is defined as a TIF district, the tax base value is established or frozen. As development or redevelopment happens in the district, the value of the property increases and any value above the original "frozen" value is captured by the city to finance defined costs that benefit the entire area. The public benefits when the TIF district sunsets or ends because a larger tax base has been created for property tax levies.

West Des Moines is using TIF where Microsoft is building to capture the revenue in taxes (minus debt service) to develop infrastructure in that area. Eventually, Grand Prairie Parkway will connect from I-80 to Veterans Parkway, and we'll build a bridge over the Raccoon River. Veterans Parkway also will be extended from Highway 5 to Grand Prairie Parkway along with a sanitary sewer and water lines. West Des Moines taxpayers are not paying for this infrastructure. TIF dollars are doing so, or more to the point, Microsoft.

West Des Moines is home to many great companies that provide jobs and a tax base for our community. That tax base is essential to providing public services such as city streets, sanitary sewer, public safety services, public schools, parks and libraries.

We look forward to having a long and productive relationship with Microsoft for many years to come!

Tom Hadden

Meet Scott Hatfield Planning & Zoning Commissioner

**Introduction by
Tom Hadden, City Manager:**

Meet Scott Hatfield, Chairman of the Board Emeritus, SVPA Architects Inc., family guy, builder of community and volunteer extraordinaire. Scott could be the longest serving West Des Moines Planning & Zoning Commissioner. He brings enthusiasm, knowledge and commitment to our City's planned growth, maintaining a diverse and high quality of life in West Des Moines. Thank you, Scott, for your tireless efforts on behalf of our City!

Q: Is it true that you are the longest serving member of the Planning & Zoning Commission?

Scott: [He laughs] I don't know if I am the longest serving Planning & Zoning Commissioner, but this is my 23rd year and I have four more years left on my current appointment. I always thought it would be nice to make it to 25 years and when I hopefully finish out my current term, I'll exceed that goal.

It's been an honor to be a part of the Planning & Zoning Commission. I've met a lot of wonderful people. I feel that I have made a contribution to the great quality of life here in West Des Moines, the place I love.

Q: Exactly what do you do as a Planning & Zoning Commissioner?

Scott: I am one of seven volunteer commissioners appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. We review development proposals ensuring they meet our land use patterns and standards outlined in our Comprehensive Plan, zoning ordinances and regulations and then, make our recommendation to the City Council. The City Council makes the final decision on all building projects.



Q: Has the City changed over the years?

Scott: Having grown up in West Des Moines – I graduated from Valley High School and went to Iowa State University – I've seen a lot of changes in the City. Heck, I can still remember when 35th Street [Valley West Drive] was a gravel road and that was the end of West Des Moines, but I suppose that is dating me, isn't it?

Q: What past or current Planning & Zoning Commission recommendation to the City Council has made the biggest impact on the growth of West Des Moines?

Scott: We've been lucky to have forward thinking City leaders, including past Planning & Zoning Commissioners, all of whom have embraced change. One of the most important decisions was supporting the freeway [I-235] being built through West Des Moines in the 1950s.

Q: How did that decision make the difference?

Scott: Before the freeway was constructed, West Des Moines had been a bedroom community and people would drive down Grand Avenue to work downtown. The freeway made a strong vehicular connection from West Des Moines to Des Moines. It opened the door for growth and provided easy access. It allowed earlier Planning & Zoning Commissions to identify land use for commercial development and this resulted in a strong tax base that created a well-rounded community, but in a controlled way.

Q: Such as?

Scott: One of the first major commercial projects was Valley West Mall followed by new office parks, restaurants, retail shops and multi-family zoning. These led to new commercial developments resulting in the expansion of the City boundaries and growing our tax base exponentially...and the growth keeps going.

West Des Moines now has the lowest rate for our residents than other surrounding communities. This growth has all happened under the umbrella of the City's planned growth plan.

Q: Planned growth is the key to West Des Moines' success?

Scott: It's one of the important factors to the City's success. You don't want a sprawling apartment complex in the middle of a single-family neighborhood or a manufacturing plant built next to a school. One important function of the Planning & Zoning Commission is developing and updating our City's Comprehensive Plan for land use and zoning. Controlling growth provides a better place to live, work and play.

Q: What qualifications are required to be on the Planning & Zoning Commission?

Scott: It's helpful to have a background in architecture, landscape architecture, real estate development, state codes and law, land use, and finances. However, the most important qualifications are pretty simple: Good, basic common sense, doing the homework, and being unbiased with a willingness to donate your time and take the job very seriously.

Q: What drew you back to your hometown after college?

Scott: That's simple: My girlfriend, Diana. She was my girlfriend in high school and then she became my wife during college. We raised our three children here and now, we have six grandchildren nearby.

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

Scott: My wife and I like to attend the Civic Center and spend time with our growing family. I do a lot of building projects for the family. Our three grown children live here and all of them have houses that constantly require renovations and repairs, including our house!

Q: What's on your bucket list?

Scott: We've been lucky to have traveled all over the world. Later this year when our youngest son, Nathan, turns 40, my wife and I are joining him – and his girlfriend, Angel – driving down Highway 1 in California and visiting the Redwood National Park. I would also like to read more and that's on my winter activities list this year, along with playing more pickleball.

Q: What's your guilty pleasure?

Scott: Chocolate chip cookies and a cold Diet Coke.



How Can You Report a Non-Emergency Issue to the City?

YourGOV – A quick and easy way to report non-emergency issues and service requests such as:



To start using the YourGOV web-based request portal:

- Visit <https://yourgov.cartograph.com>
- The mobile app is available from the iTunes store or Google Play.

EYE ON WEST DES MOINES WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

Thank you for entering this year's Eye on West Des Moines Photo Contest. The judging has been completed and the winners have been determined.

We will be offering this contest again next year, so keep shooting those pictures and send us your entries as you collect them!

For complete details and rules, interested photographers can call **515-222-3441** or email **Mark.Brewick@wdm.iowa.gov**.

BEST OF SHOW WINNER

LaMont Copeland



2016 July Fourth Fireworks over Blue Heron Lake

CATEGORY WINNERS

Living – Activities/Events

Deb Shoning



Photographing the Clouds

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Doing Business

Londa Crigger



Lemonade Stand

Raising Families

Jared Green



Bike Riding at Racoon River

Seasons in WDM

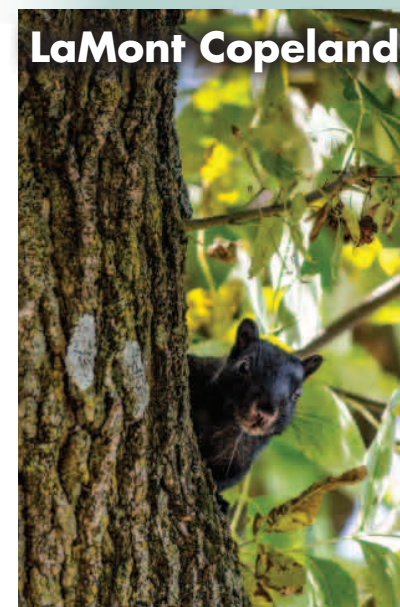
Jason Floren



A Fall Walk in Brown's Woods

Living – Plants/Wildlife

LaMont Copeland



Black squirrel residing in or near American Legion Park

Winter in West Des Moines

With an estimated population of over 63,500, more than 780 lane miles of streets and high expectations from the motoring public, the City takes a serious approach to the problems associated with snow and ice control.

Priority of Snow Removal

1. Major arterial streets
2. Collector streets
3. Residential streets, public sidewalks
4. Cul-de-sacs, alleys and City trails

Snow Emergency Parking Ban

To accomplish the effective removal of snow, a Snow Emergency Parking Ban is implemented by the Public Services Department.

its proclamation through 5:00 p.m. the following day, unless it is extended by an additional proclamation due to the length of the storm or large volume of snowfall.

If you normally park in any of these areas, **now** is the perfect time to **make a plan** for when an Emergency Parking Ban is in place and parking is not allowed.

We don't want to tow your car when it snows. You can be proactive!

When snow is forecast, park your car off the street. If you'll be gone during the winter months, don't leave your car on the street.



My vehicle was towed during a Parking Ban. What do I do?

- Go to the Police Dept., 250 Mills Civic Pkwy. (open 24/7!)
- Provide ID showing the vehicle is yours or you were the driver.
- Ask for an impound release (no charge)
- Go to Roy's Towing, 155 S. 13th St., WDM.
- Pay Roy's Towing fees (such as towing, storage) and pick up your vehicle.
- If a City ticket has been issued, that fee is due at City Hall, 4200 Mills Civic Pkwy. (open Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.).
- Be proactive in the future by keeping vehicles off the street during winter weather.

\$50 Ticket and/or Tow

A snow plow can't clean the street with a car parked here!

If a prediction for snow or winter weather exists, check the City's website at www.wdm.iowa.gov or call the **Snow Hotline at 273-0766** to see if there is a Parking Ban in place! Both are available 24/7.

Vehicles must be removed from all City streets, alleys and city-owned parking areas when a Snow Emergency Parking Ban is in effect. Vehicles parked in these areas are subject to being towed and/or a \$50 ticket. The parking ban is effective from

Citizen Responsibilities

Snow can be beautiful, but it can also create hazards. When residents fail to clear sidewalks, falls and injuries may occur.

Residents are required by ordinance to clear sidewalks (including those crossing alleys, crosswalks and driveways) within 24 hours of the end of a storm. Please place the snow on private property or adjacent to the right-of-way, not in the street. A helpful hint for residents — clear your sidewalk after the snowplows have completely finished plowing the street to the curb. If your sidewalk is icy, please apply sand or applicable deicer product to alleviate the hazard and reduce pedestrian injury.

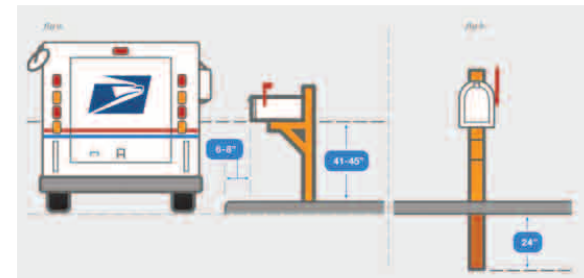
Mailboxes

The City will plow the snow within the confines of curb line to curb line of a street. During extreme winter events there may be times when City plows cannot physically place the snow onto the public right-of-way (commonly referred to as the "parking"). During these times the resident will be responsible for clearing the snow around their mailbox to ensure delivery of mail. It is also the resident's responsibility for ensuring that their mailbox is properly installed with the face of the door at least six (6") inches, but no more than eight (8") inches, behind the face of the curb. The post should be at least 24" away from the face of the curb, and it should be adequately constructed to withstand snow clearing efforts but meet "breakaway" criteria. In the fall of the year, staff conducts pre-season inspections of mailbox placement throughout the community.

If a mailbox is found to be out of compliance, residents will be notified with a door hanger so the proper corrections can be made before winter begins. Damage to mailboxes that have not been repaired or brought into compliance will not be eligible for a claim adjustment.



Would you like to "walk in the shoes" of a WDM snow fighter? View a video on the City website at: www.wdm.iowa.gov/snowfighting.



Frequently Asked Questions About Snow Control

How do we know when the Snow Emergency Parking Ban is in effect?



1. **Snow Hotline** — Call **2730-SNO** (273-0766).
2. Check the home page of the WDM website: www.wdm.iowa.gov



3. While on the WDM home page, sign up for **E-UPDATES** to automatically receive notices via email of snow emergency parking bans.
4. "Like" the City of West Des Moines – City Manager's office on **Facebook**
5. "Follow" City of WDM @cityofwdm on **Twitter**



Can't the city remove the snow they put in my driveway or sidewalks?

Unfortunately, we cannot. When you consider the vast number of driveways and sidewalks throughout the City, it would be very expensive to taxpayers for us to provide this type of service. The City has over 780 miles of public streets to plow during storm events and we typically do this with approximately 18 operators per shift. While we try our best to minimize the amount of snow that is placed on these areas, it can't always be avoided.

Who do I call to get the public to shovel their sidewalks?

City ordinance requires property owners to shovel their sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of a storm. You may report unshoveled walks to Community Compliance at 222-3480.

May I shovel/plow/blow the snow from my sidewalk or driveway into the street?

No. City ordinance prohibits this activity due to the hazardous conditions it can create in the street. Violators may be fined. See City Code Sections 7-1-4 and 7-1-5.

I am elderly or disabled. Can the City help clean my sidewalk?

West Des Moines Human Services offers a Handyman program to remove snow for income qualified households in the event of 2 inches or more of snow. This service is available to WDM Elderly (60+) and medically disabled households who are at or below 180% of federal poverty guidelines and prioritized according to the following criteria:

- #1 – low-income disabled households (medically verified), or
- #2 – low-income elderly

Households must pre-qualify through an application process with HS staff requiring income and/or medical documentation.

Staff hours for the snow removal program are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Because of the number of homes on our list, there is no guarantee that our one employee will have your snow removed within 24 hours. For more information concerning this program, please contact WDM Human Services at 222-3660.



When will my street be plowed?

The City has established priorities for the various classifications of streets. Major arterial streets that must be kept open to provide a transportation system for emergency vehicles will be our highest priority. Depending on storm conditions, crews may have the opportunity to start plowing some residential streets before the storm ends. Ongoing weather

conditions and the number of vehicles obstructing plow maneuverability in the roadways have a major impact on the effectiveness of the operation. Please keep in mind that crews may be coming down your street more than once to fully plow the snow to the curb. The City's goal is to have all paved streets completely plowed within 24 hours after the storm has ended.

For More Information, Please Contact

The City of West Des Moines:



By phone:

Snow Hotline 2730-SNO (273-0766)
Public Services 222-3480
For Emergencies 222-3321
Human Services 222-3660
Sidewalk Violations 222-3480

iPhone or Android:

To report concerns, install YourGOV App



Web: To report concerns, YourGOV

How can I help during a winter event?

Thanks for asking!

- ✓ Be sure your vehicle is off the street if it snows.
- ✓ While you're shoveling your sidewalk, dig out the fire hydrant also!
- ✓ Volunteer (if you're able) to help others remove snow by contacting Human Services at 222-3660.
- ✓ Give the snowplows plenty of room on the roadway.
- ✓ If you must venture out, check weather, road conditions and traffic.
- ✓ Relax and enjoy the beautiful winter scenery!

WDM City Code

The following is the City's regulation on snow emergency parking bans which is being published in accordance with the City Code regulation:

6-6-7: SNOW REMOVAL:

No person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or city owned off street parking area during any snow emergency proclaimed by the mayor, public works director, or their respective designees. A snow emergency parking ban shall continue from its proclamation through five o'clock (5:00) P.M. the following day. The mayor, public works director, or their respective designees may extend the duration of the parking ban if conditions require additional time to clear the snow and ice. Notice of an extension shall be posted in the same manner as a proclamation of snow emergency and shall contain the date and time the parking ban shall expire. Such a parking ban shall be of uniform application. The city shall publish information regarding the responsibilities of vehicle owners under this section in the fall and/or winter editions of the "WDM Magazine" distributed to city residents, as well as post such information on the city of West Des Moines website in the fall and/or winter of each year. When predictions or occurrences indicate the need, the mayor, public works director, or their respective designees, shall proclaim the snow emergency and direct the appropriate city employee to post said proclamation on the city of West Des Moines website and forward notice of the proclamation to at least two (2) radio and two (2) television stations that broadcast their signals into the city of West Des Moines. Such emergency may be extended or shortened as the emergency warrants or when conditions warrant. This section shall not be construed as suspending parking limitations or restrictions imposed by any other section of this title. In addition to enforcement of this section by police officers, code enforcement officials and public works employees have the authority to enforce the provisions of this section. The code enforcement officials and public works employees shall have the power to issue citation-complaints for violations of this section and impound vehicles found in violation of this section as provided in subsections 6-6-15A and G of this chapter. (Ord. 1844, 10-5-2009)

West Des Moines City Code is available 24/7 on the City's website at www.wdm.iowa.gov.

How can I help?

USING TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY To Decrease Salt Usage

Technology and training have gone hand in hand for the City to reduce the amount of salt used during winter events while maintaining a high level of customer service.

Training

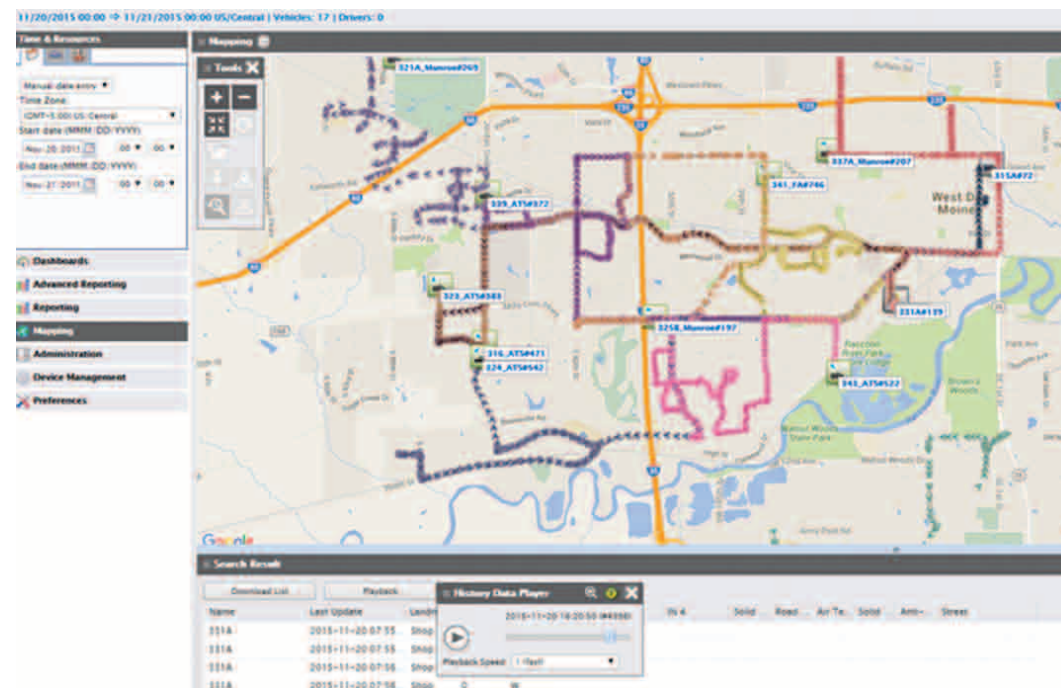
Five years ago, in-house training was conducted with a focus on salt reduction.

The idea was to introduce operators to “sensible salting.” Management wanted operators to know the “why” behind what was being asked of them, and decisions like:

- why we use salt brine to pre-wet salt until pavement temperatures reach 15 degrees Fahrenheit
- why we switch to Calcium Chloride when pavement temperatures move below 15 degrees Fahrenheit
- why we aggressively pre-treat roadways prior to an event

To coincide with this training, the decision was made to reduce the maximum amount of salt that could be applied per lane mile. After the operators understood management’s expectations and the reasons for their decisions, ALL the pieces started coming together. This training is now used as a yearly refresher and continues to encourage operators to use deicing material sensibly and responsibly.

A snow plow operator training (SPOT) program was developed by operators within our department. The SPOT program and the state of Iowa snow plow rodeo have been combined in the last two years to provide a regional training event that is attended by agencies from across the state.



In a continued effort to have a highly trained work force, our snow shift supervisors and many of our operators have attended the APWA Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificate program. This program was developed by experts in the snow and ice industry and provides a thorough understanding of snow and ice operations.

Regular snow critique meetings are held to allow feedback from operators on issues that may have come to light during a snow event.

Technology

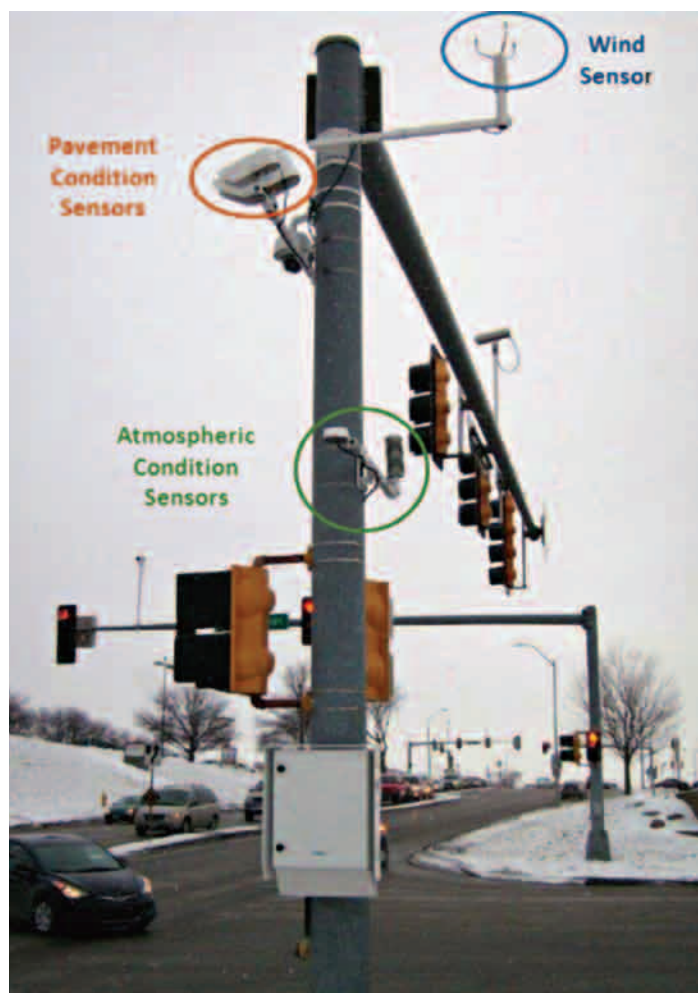
The City of West Des Moines uses several different types of technology during winter maintenance activities.

Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL)

is a unique technology in that it combines both mechanical and electronic technologies. This system has been fully integrated into the department’s snow plow trucks.

Using this system:

- Allows for monitoring the use of deicing material by each individual truck.
- Temperature sensors as well as hydraulic switches have been installed for additional data.
- Operators are able to “play back” how their individual route is completed and can make adjustments as needed to increase efficiency.
- Management staff is able to monitor salt inventories more effectively by using our winter maintenance report.
- Contractors’ progress is monitored by the system using self-contained portable AVL units.
- Residents’ concerns are easily addressed as our support staff is able to determine if and when a particular street has been plowed.



Road Weather Information System

The traffic camera network

has become an integral part of the department's snow and ice operation. Pan Tilt Zoom (PTZ) cameras are used to monitor the start of snow events, compare road conditions in different parts of the city and monitor major arterial plowing efforts. Using the traffic network cameras, a "virtual tour" can be taken of the entire city in a few minutes. The camera network helps our management team get a good understanding of the conditions prior to driving the routes and has enabled our department to focus on the areas that need extra attention.

RWIS

The Use of Road Weather Information Systems (RWIS) on City streets has increased our department's ability to monitor the conditions of the local roadways. In the past, our department has been reliant on Department of Transportation sensors located along the interstate system. By using RWIS placed on our local roads, supervisory staff is able to make better informed decisions using data obtained from the local street network. These decisions aid in the reduction of salt used during winter operations.



On demand blending has increased our ability to use the appropriate chemicals for the type of storm event expected. A fill hose is hooked to the truck, the truck number is entered, the operator selects how many gallons are needed to fill the pre-wet or anti-icing tank and presses the start button. The system fills the tank with a predetermined blend and turns off when the appropriate amount is reached.

Accurate forecasting enables the management team to formulate a game plan prior to a storm event arriving. Accurate forecasts and the Maintenance Decision Support System (MDSS) can enable management to develop an action plan, determine the appropriate chemical blends and reduce the amount of overtime paid waiting for a storm to develop.

Plow blade technology — Since plowing is the most effective way to remove snow and ice from the roadways, West Des Moines has started to integrate composite blades and multi-plow blades into our fleet. Blades with carbide or ceramic impregnated into a rubber blade have increased our plowing efficiency greatly. These blades are quieter

and provide better cutting action than the traditional steel/carbide blades. Rubber squeegee blades are currently being used in conjunction with our composite blades, on a limited basis, for slush removal. Although these plow technologies have a higher initial investment, they have a much longer useful life, as well as increased plowing effectiveness.

Getting it all to come together

The training and technology that is provided to our employees has yielded success. Although the lane miles of pavement have continually increased over the past ten years, salt usage has declined over the past five years. The average use of material per event has decreased in the years after increased training efforts. The City of West Des Moines Department of Public Services continues to train employees, discussing current methods for snow and ice removal with an emphasis on new technology to provide a high level of customer service using de-icing material in a cost effective manner. The decreased salt usage not only is a savings to our taxpayers, but helps our environment and waterways.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a Firefighter or wondered how the fire department works and why? How would you react if there was a fire or other emergency in your home or work place? Here is your opportunity to learn the answers, and much more, first hand.

The West Des Moines Fire Department invites you to take part in the 14th annual Citizens' Fire Academy (CFA). This 9 week program is designed to answer any questions you have ever had about your fire department or fire safety, by engaging you in comprehensive teaching and training exercises. Participants of the CFA will be taught fire safety and prevention, firefighting tactics and strategies, fire investigation, fire behavior, and many other related topics. The knowledge you will gain from the classroom will be extensive; however, this program will not be just a classroom lecture for nine weeks, but an interactive, hands on, fire academy that will allow participants to experience what firefighters experience such as wearing Firefighter bunker gear and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Also, CFA participants will take part in several hands-on training evolutions that are designed to mimic real life emergency scenes that firefighters across the country face every day. Participants of the CFA will be given the opportunity to

experience evolutions such as: vehicle extrication, high angle rope rescue, vehicle fires, searching a room for a trapped victim, live structure fire, learn to drive a fire truck, and much more. Along with these topics and training exercises, participants of the CFA will learn invaluable information that they can bring back to their home or work place, such as fire extinguisher training and home and work fire safety tips, to provide a more safety conscience environment for everyone in our community.

This is an opportunity for the members of our community to "walk in the boots" of a West Des Moines Firefighter. The CFA classes are held one evening a week from 6:30pm to 9:30pm beginning this March. There are also two Saturday training exercises within the 9 week course. Each participant of the CFA will receive a CFA T-shirt, personalized bunker gear photo, and an opportunity to take part in a ride along with a working shift.

If you would like to learn more about your fire department, or what it takes to be a firefighter, then this is your opportunity. For more information and an application to the CFA you can visit our web page www.wdm.iowa.gov/fire, email corry.dolbeer@wdm.iowa.gov, or call Corry Dolbeer at 222-3595.



14TH ANNUAL Citizens' Fire Academy

Smoke Detectors at Home

How often should smoke detectors in your home be replaced? If you don't know, you're not alone. A national survey conducted by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) shows that 9 out of 10 Americans don't know how often smoke detectors need to be replaced. The correct answer: every 10 years.



Depending on the age of your home, your smoke detectors may be interconnected or hardwired. When one sounds, they all sound. When replacing interconnected detectors, make sure to match the same brand of detector and model number. You may need a certified electrician to install these.

A smoke detector's age can be determined by looking on the back or side of the smoke detector, where the date of manufacture can be found. Smoke detectors should be replaced 10 years from that date (not the date of purchase or installation). If your smoke detectors begin to yellow in color, that is a sign to check the age.

Why is it recommended that home smoke detectors be replaced after 10 years? Like all devices with electronic components, over time, components begin to fail and parts get dusty. In 10 years, there is roughly a 30% probability of failure. After 15 years, the chances are better than 50/50 that your detector has failed. That is too big a risk to take.

According to NFPA, 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke detectors or no working smoke detectors. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke detectors give you early warning so you can get outside quickly. Here are some guidelines to follow when it comes to smoke detectors:

- Install smoke detectors in every sleeping room and outside each sleeping area. Install detectors on every level of the home and in the basement.

- Large homes may need extra smoke detectors.
- Test all smoke detectors at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the detector is working.
- There are two kinds of detectors. Ionization smoke detectors are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric detectors are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of detectors (dual sensor) in the home.
- A smoke detector should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke detectors away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet from the stove.
- People who are hard of hearing or deaf can use special detectors. These detectors have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Smoke detectors are an important part of a home fire escape plan.

Working smoke detectors are essential in every household. No one wants to hear, "Fire officials determined that there were smoke detectors in the home, but they were not operating correctly." Help keep your home and family safe.

West Des Moines Community Enrichment Foundation

SUPPORTING QUALITY OF LIFE

The West Des Moines Community Enrichment Foundation (WDMCEF)

was created in 2007 in order to make a positive impact in our community. To date, over \$1 million has been raised from families, individuals, businesses, the City, and Polk and Dallas Counties for our various funds to support artistic, cultural, recreational, historic, social and natural resources.

Grant Submissions Reviewed Quarterly

The Foundation serves as a catalyst for specific community projects and a champion for promoting quality of life within our city. To date, grants have been awarded by the WDMCEF to support a variety of community initiatives in West Des Moines, including:

- Hillside Elementary, Everybody Wins! literacy program
- Community Schools, Booster Pak Program
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Department of Human Services, transitional housing for those in need
- Children & Families of Iowa, Family Safety, Risk and Permanency services for WDM families
- Public Arts Advisory Commission, Temporary "Art on the Campus" Exhibition
- Raccoon River Park Archery Facility
- Parks and Library Feasibility Study
- Leadership Academy, annual scholarships

Non-profit organizations serving citizens in West Des Moines are eligible to submit a grant to the WDMCEF. Grants are reviewed on a quarterly basis by the WDMCEF Board of Directors, and awarded on a selective basis, according to established bylaws and policies.



Donations (of any size) Always Welcome

Donations to the WDMCEF are accepted through the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, which also administers and manages the four funds. No donation is too small.



WDMCEF funds:

- General Pass-through Fund
- Special Interest Fund: Arts and Culture
- Special Interest Fund: Recreation and Trails
- Endowment Fund – maximum of 5% of endowment funds are available on an annual basis
- Quality of Life Fund

Donating to the WDMCEF is a wonderful way to give back to the community and will help to preserve and improve the quality of life in West Des Moines for generations to come.

Questions:

Contact Helen Eddy, WDMCEF Board Chair, email @ heddy@hy-vee.com
Donation Form and Grant Application can be found at: www.wdmcef.org

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West Des Moines
Community Enrichment Foundation



A 2nd HAWK Pedestrian Signal has been installed in West Des Moines

Following the success and positive feedback of the HAWK pedestrian signal at the corner of 65th Street and Ashworth Road, the City determined that installation of the traffic control device at S. 50th Street and Wistful Vista Drive would be an excellent addition to the City's trail system at this location. This signal was included in the design of the S. 50th Street reconstruction project.

The trail from Ashawa Park crosses S. 50th Street to the sidepath trail that goes along the east side of S. 50th Street. Using this pedestrian signal greatly increases the safety of those using the trail crossing S. 50th Street.

The HAWK device has proven very successful in other communities and at 65th Street and Ashworth Road in West Des Moines. It's definitely a cost-effective method to safely move pedestrians across busy streets.



- Where is it?** At the intersection of S. 50th Street and Wistful Vista Dr.
- What is it?** **HAWK** stands for "High-intensity Activated cross**W**ALK beacon"
- Why?** To provide a safer environment for pedestrians crossing a busy street



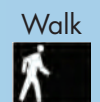
How Does the HAWK Pedestrian Signal Work?

The Driver Sees

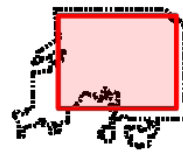
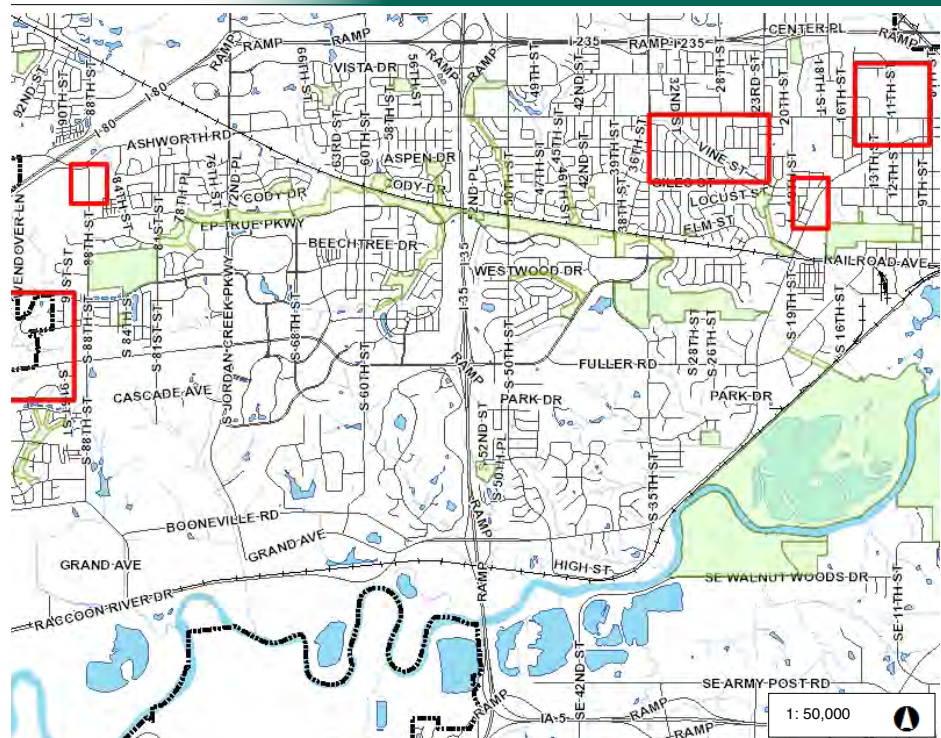


1. The signal is dark for traffic until a pedestrian pushes the pushbutton at the crossing.
2. The signal will then flash yellow to warn drivers that a pedestrian will be using the crosswalk.
3. The flashing yellow changes to a steady yellow, advising drivers to stop if safe to do so.
4. Next the signal turns solid red, requiring vehicles to stop at the stop line. The pedestrian will now see the walk indication and proceed into the crosswalk.
5. The pedestrian sees a countdown of seconds during which they should be able to safely cross the street. Once the walk time is completed, the signal will go to alternating red to let the driver know that once they come to a complete stop, if there are no pedestrians in the crosswalk, they may proceed through the intersection.
6. The signal returns to the dark (or "off") position until the pushbutton is activated.

The Pedestrian Sees



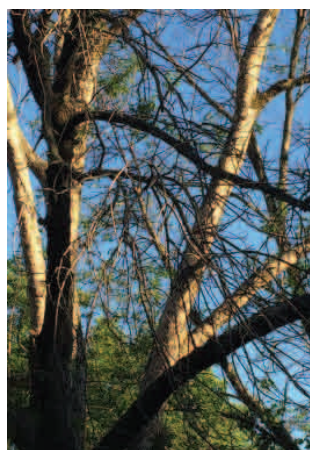
Would you like to see a similar system in action? Watch this YouTube video: <http://bit.ly/2yH3FJI>



Legend
 ■ Parks
 ■ Greenways

Emerald Ash Borer Update

Evidence of emerald ash borer (EAB) infestations significantly increased throughout the summer of 2017 in West Des Moines. **John Olds**, our **City forester**, examined a number of suspicious trees by bark peeling which exposes the galleries or tunnels from feeding EAB larvae. Many of the confirmed trees were large in diameter. Large infested trees likely produce high numbers of offspring which will accelerate the spread of the pest. If you have an ash tree that has yet to be treated and you place a high value on that tree, please contact a tree care professional for a site visit. If appropriate, you may want to schedule a treatment for 2018.



The West Des Moines
 Historical Society
Proudly Presents

Home for the Holidays

Sunday, December 3 & 10, 2017
 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Step back in time and visit
 The Historic Jordan House at 2001 Fuller Rd., WDM,
Musical Entertainment & Refreshments
 -AND-
 The 1926 Bennett School at 4001 Fuller Rd., WDM,
Children's Holiday Crafts



Costs: *Fees include visits to both facilities*
 Age 12 and older – \$5 | Age 6-11 – \$3 | 5 & under – Free

West Des Moines Historical Society
 (515) 225-1286 • www.wdmhs.org

Proceeds from this fundraiser will continue the preservation of these historic landmarks.

Guided Public Tours at the Jordan House

Winter Hours: Fridays and Sundays – Tours begin at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
 • Adults (18 and over) \$5 • Youth (5-17) \$3 • Child (under 5) Free
 • Tours are one hour and doors open 15 minutes before the times listed.
 • Jordan House is closed the month of January.

Hold Your Gathering at the Jordan House or Bennett School

Looking for a unique setting for your next small gathering, holiday party or club meeting? The historic Jordan House and Bennett School are available to rent. Bring your own food or use any caterer. (Food restrictions apply at both locations. Call for details.) Rental includes a tour of the building, featuring stories of the Underground Railroad at the Jordan House and a day in the life of a country school student at the Bennett School. Call the West Des Moines Historical Society for more information and to schedule your event today!



A thin film of liquid makes it possible for ice skaters to slide effortlessly across the ice.

What Makes Ice So Slippery?

Ice — we love it in our drinks; not so much on our sidewalks and streets, and definitely not in our water pipes.

The same substance that we enjoy as it chills our water, soda and other libations; we fear and loathe when it sticks to concrete, wood and asphalt, and for good reason. Each year, approximately 1,000 Iowans fall on the ice with enough force to sustain injury or illness, according to the **U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics**. This stat doesn't include the random falls that, while bruising the dignity, fail to constitute "reportable" incidents.

The reason ice presents such a hazard for pedestrians and drivers is that frozen water reduces friction between two solids. If you have your logic hat on, you might be thinking, "Hey, wait a minute; ice is water in its solid form."

A CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS PUZZLE

You would be correct, of course. But you probably aren't considering the thin layer of liquid that appears on slippery ice. "The devil," you say.

You can't slip and slide on ice without the presence of this thin layer of water, which

forms the necessary liquid required to reduce friction between your shoe and the ice. Puzzling, isn't it?

You're not the only one who is a bit stumped. Believe it or not, chemists and physicists spent the better part of two centuries trying to better understand why a thin layer of water forms on ice. After all, water is at or below its freezing point of 0°C when it turns to ice.

The result of this scientific study and postulation has given rise to a few theories that help explain why ice is slippery.

One theory postulates that the slippery thin layer of water forms because of us. That's right, according to the pressure theory, humans standing on ice cause it to melt. The weight of a person, or a vehicle for that matter, creates pressure that squeezes the ice and reduces the volume. Remember, frozen water, in contrast to many other substances, is less dense as a solid than it is as a liquid. Hence, the reason that ice cubes float in the aforementioned beverages.

As the theory goes, the reduced volume as a result of pressure causes ice to melt at lower temperature, say -3.5°C. (By the way, that corresponds to just under 26°F.)



Sometimes you can slip on the ice while standing still.

The pressure theory, however, fails to explain how skaters can slide so effortlessly across the ice. The weight of one skater would not be enough to lower the melting temperature significantly. Enter the frictional heating theory.

WHAT WOULD PEGGY FLEMING SAY?

"In the same way that quickly rubbing your cold hands together warms them, this theory basically says that movement on the ice causes friction, which warms it, producing melting," said **Diana Wilson**, general manager of West Des Moines Water Works. "Of course, this doesn't explain how you can slip and slide and fall while standing still on ice."

Don't worry, there's another idea, the theory of surface melting. Two different scientists hypothesized 90 years apart that ice contains an intrinsic thin film of water on its surface.

"The idea behind this theory is that the molecules at the surface are not stable and possess fewer chemical

bonds to hold them in place," Wilson explained. "These molecules move around rather frantically trying to stabilize, and in the process, warm up and produce a thin film of liquid on top of the ice."

That's how you can fall on the ice even when you are standing still.

"Why is ice slippery?" seems like such a simple question on the surface," Wilson noted. "Yet, the chemistry and physics applications involved are complex. All three theories have merit and contribute to why we slip and slide on ice."

In fact, understanding something as common as sliding on the ice has had far-reaching applications to other areas of science and the behavior of other substances and chemicals.

It gives you something to think about the next time you put on a pair of ice skates or find yourself leaving your feet over a patch of ice.



WDM PUBLIC ART

Art Route in West Des Moines

Have you been wondering what those circles and chevrons painted on the trail around the city campus pond mean? The West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Commission has chosen to participate in Art Route DSM, a project organized by the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation. The Art Route vision serves to unite public art in Greater Des Moines, increase economic development and promote walkability, health, and wellness throughout the region. The painted path includes circles roughly 20 feet apart. Then, chevrons are used on the sidewalk to point toward each of the pieces of art. The intersection of S. 35th Street and Mills Civic Parkway will soon include a crosswalk created by artist Peter Gibson, a Montreal, Quebec artist, specializing in murals, street installations, and exhibitions.



COMING SOON! "Our Main Street" Public Art Project

In 2017, Historic Valley Junction celebrated its 30th year as a Main Street Iowa community. The West Des Moines

Public Arts Advisory Commission wants to commemorate this occasion and celebrate this unique place through a public work of art. The Commission wants residents and visitors to feel a sense of belonging, grounded in West Des Moines' pride and heritage.



Gail Chavenelle of Chavenelle Studio Metalworks, Dubuque, IA, has been commissioned to create three permanent works of art that will be sited on public property within a 6 block area in the Historic

Valley Junction district. With public input, Gail will be working this winter to design and fabricate the pieces which will be installed in the spring of 2018.

COMING SOON! Water Quality Community Service Art Project

The Public Arts Advisory Commission wants to raise awareness of watersheds and everyday actions our residents and businesses can take to improve water quality in a watershed. The Commission wants every person who participates in and experiences the works of public art to be enlightened, empowered, and proud to live in West Des Moines.

This project has three components: a permanent commissioned work of art, a temporary work of art, and a community art event. **Cliff Garten of Cliff Garten Studio, Venice, CA**, has been commissioned to create the permanent artwork that will be sited at Raccoon River Park.

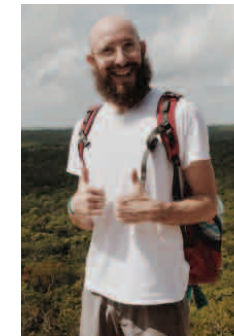


With public input, Cliff will be working this winter to design and fabricate the pieces which will be installed by the end of 2018.

2017 Art on the Campus People's Choice Award

"JOURNEY"
by Zach Schnock,
West Des Moines, IA

Zach G. Schnock grew up in Cedar Falls, Iowa.



He graduated in the spring of 2013 from the University of Northern Iowa with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, an Art History minor, and a G.I.S. certificate.

"I'm currently the Display Coordinator for Anthropologie at Jordan Creek. Prior to this position I've worked in the GIS field for about 7 years. I was also the Gallery Director and Exhibitions Manager at Wartburg College for a couple seasons. I still try to make art on the side, as time allows.

Journey was heavily inspired during my time working in GIS and attaining my degree simultaneously. It was a literal translation of map data taking an even more abstract form. The lines, composition and visual weight

create a focal point of those lines and intersections. That focal point is derived from map stream data from the East and West sides of Iowa. The base of the piece then represents those stream lines splitting off and taking their own journey which is relatable to our own journeys and time on this planet. Chaotic lines coupled with an infinite circle creates a harmony of dense chaos, which I enjoy."



If you are interested in serving on the West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Commission, please contact the West Des Moines City Clerk at 515-222-3603 to request an application.

HOW IS PUBLIC ART FUNDED?

Funding for public art in West Des Moines comes from hotel-motel tax revenue dedicated by the City Council for that purpose. No property tax dollars are used to purchase works of art.

Maintaining the City's Infrastructure

One of the responsibilities of Public Services is to maintain the integrity of our City buildings. As improvements are made to a facility to address issues such as humidity or leaking, the changes are designed to bring the building up to new energy standards, providing more efficiency and reducing utility costs. Examples would be:

- Replacing ballasted roofs with PVC roofs which are white in color to reflect the sunlight.
 - Fire Station 17 and 18
 - 318 5th Street
- Replacing lighting with more energy efficient LED T5 lighting



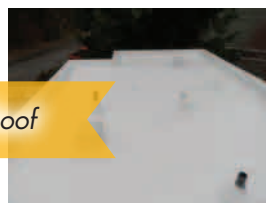
- Library
- City Hall
- Public Services

- Energy efficient heating and cooling systems
 - Fire Stations 18 and 21
 - Police Department

Rebates received from utility companies are used to help offset the cost of future energy saving projects.



Ballasted Roof



PVC Roof

Regular inspections and maintenance of our City's infrastructure are an important part of the duties of your Public Services Department.

While you're in Valley Junction shopping,

be sure to take notice of the beautiful planters designed and maintained by the City's Horticulture group. No two are the same, and the designs differ every year!



What to Know as Yard Waste Season Comes to an End

Yard waste season is quickly coming to a close — curbside collection through the Compost It! program ends Dec. 1. Make sure your leaves, brush, garden debris and other yard waste is picked up yet this season by following these basic steps:

1. Use the right bags and sticker; available at many local grocery and hardware stores. Go to WhereItShouldGo.com/BagsStickers to view a list of locations.
 - **Compost It! brand bags** – The cost of the Compost It! brand bag covers the cost of collection. No sticker is required. Cost: \$8.00+tax for a bundle of five bags.
 - **Store-Brand Bag + Compost It! Sticker** – A Compost It! sticker must be attached to a generic or store-brand bag. The price of the sticker covers the cost of collection. Cost: \$1.25+tax per sticker plus cost of generic bag.
2. **Bundle your brush.** Twig bundles are accepted at the curb as long as they don't exceed 18 inches in diameter or four feet in length. Simply attach a Compost It! sticker to each brush bundle. Cost: \$1.25+tax per sticker.
3. **Set your bags, stickers, bundles or Compost It! cart** at the curb BEFORE 7 a.m. on your regular garbage day.

Recycle Your Live Christmas Trees

You can set out your live Christmas tree to be recycled on your regular garbage day from **Jan. 2, 2018 – Jan. 12, 2018**. Wreaths and garland are not accepted.

To ensure your tree is picked up, follow these steps:

1. Remove all decorations from the tree.
2. Attach a green Compost It! sticker available at participating grocery and hardware stores for \$1.25.
3. Place the tree at the curb, three feet from your garbage and recycling carts. Make sure the Compost It! sticker is visible from the street.
4. Small Christmas trees, or those cut down to size, can also be discarded in a Compost It! yard waste cart; however, make sure the lid can close.

Winter yard waste collection is also your last chance to get rid of remaining yard debris before spring. Yard waste is accepted in Compost It! bags, generic bags with Compost It! stickers attached, or in your Compost It! yard waste cart.



Recycle This! Not That!

Many items are recyclable through our curbside recycling program, but not everything can be tossed in your cart. In fact, when non-recyclable items wind up in recycling carts, machines are damaged and the value of recyclables is reduced. Ultimately, contamination jeopardizes the entire recycling program.

Recycle THIS!

Knowing what to recycle is easy when you follow our local recycling guidelines listed on your cart. Basic material like cardboard boxes, cans and bottles, glass jars and paper are accepted. It's that easy!

Not THAT!

Not-so-basic items, which are often made of multiple materials, include electronics, toys and food pouches, which are not accepted in your cart.

Interested in why some items are accepted, while others are not? Keep reading to learn more.

Today, there are more products and packaging materials than ever before. For example, baby food used to only come in glass jars. Now you can find baby food packaged in a wide variety of materials like foil lined pouches and plastic cups. Unfortunately, this new packaging is multi-layered with



foil, several kinds of plastic laminated together and then topped with various plastic zippers and caps. The complex make-up of the product is problematic, because the materials cannot easily be broken down into their purest form.

Paper is always accepted in the Curb It! recycling cart, whether it is in junk mail or paper plane form. However, plastic toys, like airplanes, cannot be recycled. Children's toys are composed of multiple materials, usually, many different types of plastic which all have a unique chemical make-up. Learn more about the types of plastic that are recyclable in your cart at WhereItShouldGo.com.

Aluminum cans and glass bottles are a recycling staple, whether it be through a can/bottle redemption center or in your Curb It! cart. On the contrary, plastic and paper cups used at parties, festivals and cookouts cannot be recycled in your cart. The composition of these plastics are not as desired by those purchasing recycled plastic. The lack of

demand makes these cups non-recyclable.

View a full list of what is and is not accepted in your recycling cart at www.WhereItShouldGo.com.

How to Dispose of CFL Lightbulbs and other Hazardous Materials

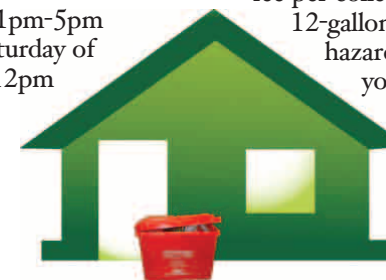
Sometimes it seems like there are too many types of lightbulbs to keep track. Metro Waste Authority has the information to help you keep them all straight! CFLs, or compact fluorescent bulbs, contain hazardous material and belong at a hazardous disposal site to be safely recycled. Incandescent and LED (light-emitting diode) bulbs, however, contain no hazardous material and can go in your curbside garbage. LED bulbs can also be brought to our hazardous waste facilities, even though they aren't hazardous, so the material can be recycled.

In addition to lightbulbs, Metro Waste Authority's drop-offs accept all kinds of hazardous material. Products with labels that say toxic, flammable, corrosive or "keep out of reach of children" are considered hazardous and should not be thrown away with the rest of your garbage. Metro Waste Authority facilities dispose of these items in safe ways that protect residents and the environment. To find out if a specific item is hazardous, visit www.WhereItShouldGo.com/HHW or call 515-967-5512.

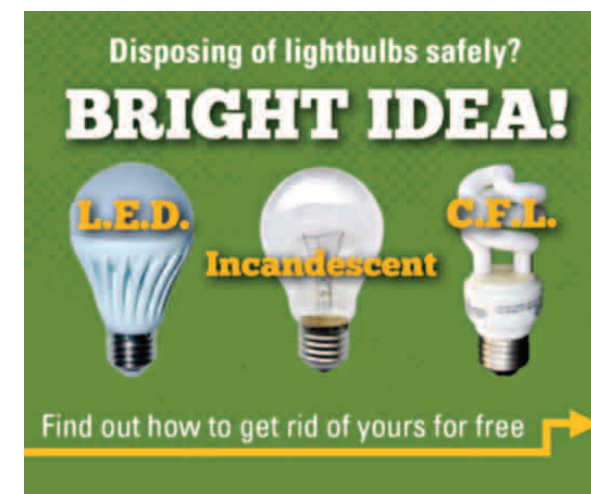
Metro Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

1105 Prairie Drive SW, Bondurant, IA 50035

Open Tuesday-Friday 1pm-5pm and the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 8am-12pm



Metro Waste Authority
We Know Where It Should Go



Northwest Hazardous Waste Drop-Off – Extended Hours!

(Metro Northwest Transfer Station)
4105 SE Beisser Dr., Grimes, IA 50111
Open 2nd Saturday of the month;
March – December from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
or by appointment. Call 515-967-5512.

... Or Leave it Outside Your Door

Try Metro Waste Authority's House-Side Collection Program for convenient disposal of household hazardous items. Items are picked up right at your door step. Sign up on an as-needed basis at West Des Moines Public Services, 560 S. 16th St. For a \$25 fee per collection, residents receive two 12-gallon bins to fill with accepted hazardous products. Once you fill your bins, call Metro Waste Authority to schedule collection.

For more information, call 515.244.0021 or visit www.WhereItShouldGo.com.

EMERGENCY	911
Non-Emergency Dispatch	222-3321
ADA Coordinator	222-3603
TDD/TTY	1-800-413-4955
Aquatic Centers	273-0700
Ambulance Billing	273-0652
Animal Control	222-3364
250 Mills Civic Parkway	
Animal Licenses	See WestPet
Better Business Bureau	243-8137
Birth Certificates	See Vital Records
Building Safety/Inspections	222-3630
developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
Business License Info.	
1-800-532-1216	
Cable Television	
Mediacom	
1-800-332-0245	
Billing, Cust. Service, Connect/ Disconnect,	
2205 Ingersoll Ave. Des Moines • mchsi.com	
Jordan Cemetery	222-3444
Sales and Maintenance	
Chamber of Commerce	225-6009
www.wdmchamber.org	
City Attorney	See Legal Department
City Clerk	222-3603
Business related licenses / voter registration	
application	
City Council	222-3610
City Hall Offices	222-3600
4200 Mills Civic Pkwy	
City Manager	222-3610
Claim for Damages	222-3601
Community Compliance	
(Code Enforcement)	222-3480
publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
Community & Econ. Development	
273-0770	
ced@wdm.iowa.gov	
County Web Site Addresses	
• Dallas County www.co.dallas.ia.us	
• Polk County www.co.polk.ia.us	
• Madison County www.madisoncoia.us	
• Warren County www.co.warren.ia.us	
Death Certificates	See Vital Records
Development Services	
Building Division	
222-3630	
Engineering & Planning Divisions	
222-3620	
developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
Des Moines Area Regional Transit (DART)	
Public Transportation	
283-8100	
dart@ridedart.com	
Des Moines Register	
Subscriptions	
1-847-424-0225	

Driver's License	
• Dallas County	
993-6992	
• Polk County	
244-1052	
• Madison County	
462-1542	
• Warren County	
961-1144	
Election Office	
• Dallas County	
993-6914	
• Polk County	
286-3247	
• Madison County	
462-3914	
• Warren County	
961-1020	
Electrical Service	See Utilities
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	273-0768
EMS Billing	
8055 Mills Civic Parkway	
CPR and Public Access Defibrillation Classes	
ems@wdm.iowa.gov	
Farmers Market (VJ Foundation)	222-3642
Finance Department	222-3600
Fire Administration	222-3420
3421 Ashworth Road • fire@wdm.iowa.gov	
Gas Service	See Utilities
Hazardous Waste	
Regional Collection Center	
967-5512	
Holiday Pool	273-0700
Housing Rehabilitation Program	273-0770
Human Resources	222-3616
Human Rights Commission	222-3675
Human Services	222-3660
139 6th Street • humanservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
Senior & Disabled Transportation, Energy	
Assistance, Food & Clothing Pantry, Homeless	
Prevention	
Illegal Waste Disposal	725-0268
http://www.iowadnr.gov	
State Dept of Natural Resources industrial or major	
hazardous waste and chemical spills.	
Minor/Household Spills	222-3321
Job Hotline (City of WDM)	222-3616
www.wdm.iowa.gov	
Library	222-3400
4000 Mills Civic Parkway • library@wdm.iowa.gov	
Legal Department	222-3523
4200 Mills Civic Parkway	
Marriage Licenses	See Vital Records
Mayor's Office	222-3610
Motor Vehicle License Plates/Registration	
• Dallas County	
993-5812	
• Polk County	
286-3030	
• Madison County	
462-1542	
• Warren County	
961-1111	
Nature Lodge	222-3424
Raccoon River Park 2500 Grand Ave.	

One Call Underground Utility Lines	
811 OR 1-800-292-8989	
Parks & Recreation	222-3444
parkrec@wdm.iowa.gov	
Parking Violations (non-moving)	222-3600
Passports	1-877-487-2778
Permits	
• Oversize Moving Permit	
publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
222-3480	
• ROW/Excavation Permits (Sidewalk)	
Engineering Services	
222-3475	
• Street/Lane Closures	
publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
222-3480	
Planning & Zoning	222-3620
developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
Police Administration	222-3300
police@wdm.iowa.gov	
Police/Fire/EMS/Dispatch (Westcom)	
• Emergency	
911	
• Non-Emergency	
222-3321	
250 Mills Civic Parkway	
Post Office	255-6471
430 5th St. WDM 50265 • usps.com	
Property Tax	
• Dallas County	
993-5808	
• Polk County	
286-3060	
• Madison County	
462-1542	
• Warren County	
961-1110	
Public Transportation	See DART
Public Services	222-3480
publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
Recycling - Curb IT!	
Waste Management	
www.wm.com	
Missed Pickup/Questions	
244-7336	
Recreation Programs	222-3444
Rental Housing Inspector	222-3630
developmentservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
Senior Citizen Meals	274-0373
Sewer Stoppages/Repair	222-3480
publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
Shelter Rentals (Parks & Rec)	222-3444
School Districts	
• Norwalk	
981-0676 • www.norwalk.k12.ia.us	
• Van Meter	
996-2221 • www.vmbulldogs.com	
• Waukee	
987-5161 • www.waukee.k12.ia.us	
• West Des Moines	
633-5000 • www.wdm.k12ia.us	
Social Security Offices	800-772-1213
Street Light Outages	
MidAmerican Energy	
1-888-427-5632	
Street Repairs/Cleaning	222-3480
publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov	

Taxes	See Property Tax
Tickets Moving Violations	
• Dallas County	
993-5816	
• Polk County	
222-3772	
• Madison County	
462-1542	
• Warren County	
961-1032	
Parking Violations (non-moving)	
Finance	222-3600
Traffic Signals/Street Signs	222-3480
publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
Trash Collection	265-7374
Waste Connections • www.wasteconnections.com	
Tree Planting Permits	222-3417
publicservices@wdm.iowa.gov	
Utilities Mid American Energy	
Gas & Electric	
1-888-427-5632	
EMERGENCY	
1-800-595-5325	
One Call Line Locator	
1-800-292-8989	
www.midamericanenergy.com	
Valley Junction Activity Center ..	222-3440
Valley Junction Foundation	222-3642
Vehicle Registration	
..... See Motor Vehicle License Plates/Registration	
Vital Records	
• Dallas County	
993-5804	
• Polk County	
286-3781	
• Madison County	
462-3771	
• Warren County	
961-1089	
Voter Registration	
• Dallas County	
993-6914	
• Polk County	
286-3080	
• Madison County	
462-3914	
• Warren County	
961-1020	
Iowa Elections Division	281-8849
Water Treatment Plant	222-3465
1505 Railroad Ave.	
West Des Moines Water Works ..	222-3460
Water/Solid Waste, New Service, Service	
Changes/Maintenance	
4200 Mills Civic Pkwy	
www.wdmww.com • waterworks@wdmww.com	
Westcom	
• EMERGENCY	
911	
• Dispatch Non-Emergency	
222-3321	
WestPet	273-0651
Animal Licenses • www.westpet.org	
Yard Waste - Compost IT!	
Waste Management	
www.wm.com	
General Info/Questions	
1-800-796-9696	
Missed Pickup	
1-800-796-9696	

Persons with disabilities are encouraged to participate in City activities. Those individuals seeking City services and in need of special accommodations should either contact the department sponsoring the event or the ADA Coordinator.



WDM Public Library

Mission Statement: The WDM Public Library is a relevant and integral part of the community. The library enriches the lives of residents by providing convenient and timely access to information and ideas; by offering engaging activities and opportunities for personal and professional growth; by promoting a love of reading and learning; and by remaining responsive to the changing needs of its users.

WDM Library *Adult Programs*

REGISTRATION DETAILS

All programs are free and most require advance registration which begins at 9 am on the date in brackets. No registration date means register anytime.

- Programs are held in the Library Community Room unless otherwise indicated.
- Programs are for ages 18+ unless otherwise indicated.
- Register online, in person, or by phone.

reference desk | 515.222.3403 | wdmlibrary.org

WDM WRITER'S CLUB

2nd & 4th Sat @ 10 am

Millie Knee Classroom

Informal meetings for accomplished or aspiring writers – share any form of writing and offer/receive constructive criticism. Call for details. 515.222.3413

PAPERCRAFTS C.L.U.B

Sat 10 am-4 pm: Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7 | Fri 5-11 pm: Feb 16

Be it scrapbooks, holiday cards, book folding, or coloring, we welcome all papercrafters! Bring a project and your own supplies (no sales at the event). We'll provide snacks and cutting tools. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Registration preferred.

OPEN COMPUTER LAB

Tue 10-11:30 am

Millie Knee Classroom

Dec 5 & 19 | Jan 9 & 23

Feb 6 & 20 | Mar 6 & 20

Apr 3 & 17

Need a little help with email or Facebook? Want to download an eBook on your mobile device? We can help! Ask questions and learn from hands-on experience. Basic computer/mouse skills required. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Registration preferred. Individual appointments also available.

COLOR CONNECTION: ADULT COLORING CLUB

2nd Tue @ 2 pm: Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10

Guaranteed to cure rheumatism, chill blains, toothache, and warts! Okay, not really, but it IS relaxing and FUN! Bring your own supplies or use our markers, colored pencils, and coloring sheets. Make the color connection! Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Registration preferred.



Visit us on the web at www.wdmlibrary.org

HISTORY OF THE BOOK EXHIBIT

WDM Library *Adult Programs*

MEDICARE BASICS

Tue, Dec 12 | 4:45 & 6 pm

Thu, Jan 18 | 5:15 & 6:30 pm

Tue, Jan 23 | 5:15 & 6:30 pm

See our website calendar for additional dates/times

If you are 65 or approaching retirement, this FREE education seminar will provide you with...

- background on Medicare
- an overview of what Medicare does and does not cover
- information on Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage plans
- ways to help protect your savings from out-of-pocket Medicare expenses

Presented by Cody L. Crumes, Certified Senior Advisor with Crumes Insurance. Cody has been helping individuals with insurance for 9 plus years. Limited seating. To register call (515) 491-9743 or email cody@crumesinsurance.com.

EBOOKS FOR MOBILE DEVICES

Tue, Jan 16 | 6 - 7:30 pm

Have you recently received a new tablet, smartphone, or e-reader? Are you interested in learning how to download FREE eBooks and eAudiobooks? Sign up for our tutorial and we'll show you how! Tutorials for Bridges (Overdrive Media) and One Click Digital will be shown. Basic computer and mobile device skills are assumed. Registration preferred.

CHECKMATES: CHESS AND BOARD GAME CLUB

4th Thu 6:30-8 pm: Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 22, Apr 26

For those who already know the basics, we'll provide chess sets and feature a different board game each month. No Nov/Dec Checkmates due to the holidays. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Ages 6-adult. Registration preferred.

For children wishing to learn how to play chess, try Ben Munson's Chess Group. See our website calendar for details.

Visit us on the web at www.wdmlibrary.org



MODEL TRAINS!

Sat, Jan 27 | 9 am - 5 pm

Sun, Jan 28 | 2 - 4 pm

Stop by to see the Des Moines Trak's N-scale working layout! Open to adults and children of all ages. Be sure to stop by the Youth Services Department for a terrific train craft before you leave! No registration!

TRAVELING HISTORY OF THE BOOK EXHIBIT

Mon, Feb 5 | 9 am-5 pm

Library Display Case

Open to adults and children of all ages, this exhibit brings to life the invention of writing, paper, and books with historically accurate replicas of "the book" throughout history: miniature books, Braille books, a Rosetta Stone replica, handmade books of vellum and papyrus, and more. Developed by the Iowa Center for the Book and the University of Iowa Center for the Book, and funded by a major grant from the Iowa Center for the Book Foundation. No registration!

HISTORY OF THE BOOK: DISCUSSION & BOOKMAKING

Tue, Feb 13 | 6-8 pm

Join us for a discussion of The Traveling History of the Book Exhibit (see description) then learn how to make a book of your own! Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Adults only. Registration preferred.

BEADING BASICS

Tue, Mar 20 @ 6:30 pm

Millie Knee Classroom

Learn to wire wrap as we make a pair of springy earrings. Must see well enough to thread a needle. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Registration required.





WDM Library *Adult Programs*

HOLIDAY CARDS

Fri, Jan 19 | 6:30-8:30 pm [Jan 2]

When you care enough to make it yourself! Make three Valentine cards for special friends or family. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. *Teens w/ adult and permission from instructor. AFTER HOURS program. Registration required.

FRIENDS IOWA AUTHOR SERIES

Tue, Jan 23 | 6:30 pm
Kali VanBaale

Tue, Mar 27 | 6:30 pm
Debra Landwehr-Engle

Check our website for more information.

Adult Book Discussions

YA NOT CLUB READ

2nd Thu @ 6:30 pm:

Dec 14 – Fox Brewing | Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12 – Locations TBA

Are you a “grown-up” who likes to read and talk about Young Adult books? Are you looking for a book club that doesn’t take itself too seriously? Why not join us for YA Not book club? Books available at the previous month’s meeting or at the first floor service desk. Anyone who has read the book is welcome. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Registration required.

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CLUB READ

Tue @ 6:30 pm | Millie Knee

Classroom:

Jan 9 *The Snow Child*

by Eowyn Ivey

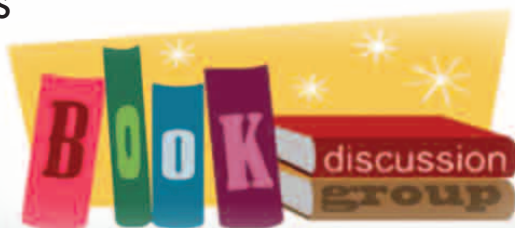
Feb 6 *Wife 22*

by Melanie Gideon

Mar 6 *Long Way Gone*

by Charles Martin

A few copies are available at the first floor service desk or you may bring your own copy. Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Registration preferred.



CLUB READ SOCIAL

Tue, Apr 3 @ 6:30 pm

Make new friends! Discover new authors! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and we’ll talk about what we’ve all been reading since the last Social. Newcomers welcome. Registration preferred.

NEW! SILENT CLUB READ

1st Mon @ 6:30 pm: Dec 4, Jan 8, Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2 • Millie Knee Classroom

Shh! This is NOT your traditional book club...no assigned books, no pressure to finish, and no talking required. Just a group of readers quietly enjoying their books together. Grab a beverage at 6:30 pm and share what you’ve been reading lately. At 7 pm just sit back, relax, and read. It’s that simple. Registration preferred.

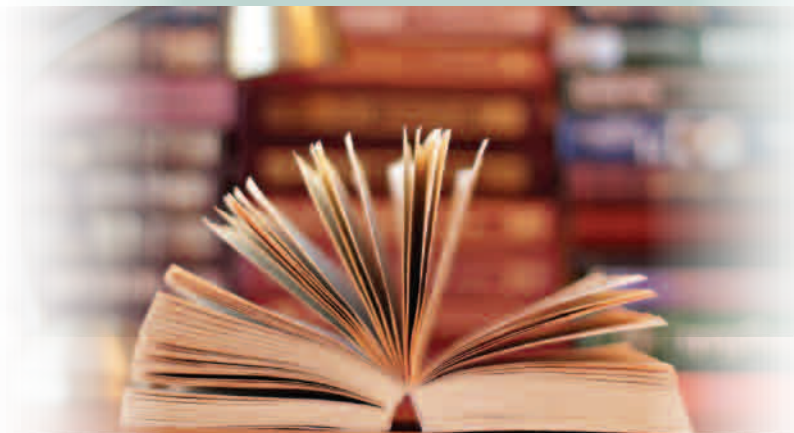


IF YOU ENJOY OUR ADULT PROGRAMS, PLEASE JOIN THE FRIENDS!

Friends memberships pay for many ADULT programs and services: Club Read and YA Not Club Read, Holiday Cards, Color Connection, Papercrafts C.L.U.B., Adult Summer Reading Club, Beading Basics, Open Computer Lab, iPad lending, and more!

Donations are tax deductible!

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EARLY LITERACY

"Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they actually learn to read and write. It is not the teaching of reading, but is laying the foundation for reading so that when children are taught to read, they are ready." – from Early Literacy Storytimes @ Your Library by Pamela Martin-Diaz and Saroj Nadkarni Ghoting.

Why is Early Literacy important?

Acquiring early literacy (pre-literacy) skills before school leads to reading achievement and academic success. Children who enter school with well-developed early literacy skills are ready to learn to read.

What are the Six Early Literacy Skills?

1. Letter Knowledge – knowing the names and sounds of letters, and recognizing that the same letter can look different (upper vs. lower case, different fonts)
2. Narrative Skills – being able to describe events and tell stories
3. Phonological Awareness – the ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds that make up words
4. Print Awareness – noticing print, the ability to handle a book, and understanding how to follow the words on a page
5. Print Motivation – being interested in and enjoying books
6. Vocabulary – knowing the names of things



What can YOU do to help your child?

- Allow your child time to talk while you listen attentively
- Encourage your child to handle books and "tell" you the story
- Provide an atmosphere that is fun and language rich
- Read often and make reading time an enjoyable time
- Read, sing, talk, and play with your child
- Write and color with your child to develop fine motor skills

How can the WDM LIBRARY help?

- Ask a librarian for suggestions
- Use one of our many recommended reading lists to find materials your child may enjoy (i.e. 1000 Books to Read Before Kindergarten)
- Check out library materials to use at home
- Attend age appropriate library programs (see our Storytime Series)



Storytime Series

All programs are free and most require advance registration which begins at 9 am on the date in brackets. Programs are held in the Library Storyroom unless otherwise indicated. Register online, in person, or by phone. Youth Services | 515.222.3405 | wdmlibrary.org

Daycares with more than five children, please call the Youth Services Desk for information about programming for groups.

MOTHER GOOSE STORYTIME

Simple stories, gentle tunes, flannel boards, and nursery rhymes. Each week we'll incorporate activities that emphasize and reinforce body part identification, counting, rhythm, sensory stimulation, fine and gross motor skills, and animal sounds. Registration required.

Mon @ 9:30, 10 & 10:30 am:

Dec 11 & 18 [Dec 4]

Jan 8, 15 & 22 [Jan 2]

Feb 5 & 12 [Jan 29]

Mar 12, 19 & 26 [Mar 5]

6 mo – 2 yrs w/adult

NIGHTY-NIGHT DROP-IN STORYTIME

Build a lifetime love of books and reading as we share bedtime stories, sing-along songs, and interactive fingerplays with an early literacy focus. Nighty-Night Storytime follows the Family Storytime format. No registration!

Mon @ 6:45pm:

Dec 11 & 18

Jan 8, 15 & 22

Feb 5 & 12

Mar 12, 19 & 26

0 – 6 yrs w/adult



LAPSIT LAMBS

Using puppets, rhymes, songs, and short stories, we'll engage baby and caregiver in language-rich activities designed for pre-walking babies. We will spotlight sensory stimulation, animal sounds, fine and gross motor skills, and of course FUN! Includes play ideas that are easily integrated into baby's everyday routine. Registration required.

Tue @ 9:30 & 10:30am:

Dec 12 & 19 [Dec 4]

Jan 9, 16 & 23 [Jan 2]

Feb 6, 13 & 20 [Jan 29]

Mar 13, 20 & 27 [Mar 5]

Thu @ 9:30 & 10:30am:

Dec 14 & 21 [Dec 4]

Jan 11, 18 & 25 [Jan 2]

Feb 8, 15 & 22 [Jan 29]

Mar 15, 22 & 29 [Mar 5]

1 mo – 18mo w/adult

DROP-IN FAMILY STORYTIME

Lights, camera, action! Our stories, songs, felt boards, and rhymes set the stage for children to become successful readers. No registration!

Wed @ 9:30 & 10:30 am:

Dec 13 & 20

Jan 10, 17 & 24

Feb 7 & 21

Mar 14, 21 & 28

0 – 6 yrs w/adult





Storytime Series

Continued

DROP-IN OLIVER'S PUPPY TALES

Join puppy Oliver for stories, songs, and rhymes followed by gross and fine motor play all with an early literacy focus! Library Community Room. No registration.

Thu @ 10:30 am
Dec 14 & 21
Jan 11, 18 & 25
Feb 8 & 22
Mar 15, 22 & 29

Fri @ 10:30 am
Dec 15 & 22
Jan 12, 19, 26
Feb 9 & 23
Mar 16, 23 & 30

Daycares with more than 5 children, please call the Children's Desk for information about programming for groups.

0-6 w/adult

WDM Library *Youth Programs*

All youth programs are free and most require advance registration, which begins at 9 am on the date in brackets.

Programs are held in the Library Community Room unless otherwise indicated.

Many of our events fill quickly and have a waiting list. Please let us know a.s.a.p. if you are unable to attend a program. If you do not arrive within 10 minutes of the start time, your spot will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

Register in person, by phone, or online.

Youth Services | 515.222.3405 | wdmlibrary.org

KIDS HOLIDAY CARD WORKSHOP

Wed, Dec 6 | 3:45 pm [Oct 30]

You don't have to be an elf to attend our card-making workshop! Make a ho-ho-holiday card for friends and family! Registration required.

5 - 12 yrs

KIDS CLUB READ

Thu @ 4:15 pm: Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 8

If you like to read and talk about books, this group is for you! Join us for discussion and activities related to each month's book. Titles TBA. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

8 - 12 yrs

MUSIC TOGETHER

Fri, Dec 8 | 9:30 & 10:15 am [Dec 4]

Music Together® is an international research-based, music and movement program for children. In this short sample class we'll sing, move, chant, and play along with instruments to a variety of melodies, rhythms, and styles. Presented by Songs and Signs, LLC. Registration required.

0-5 w/adult

WESTRIDGE SINGERS

Fri, Dec 8 | 1:15 pm

Enjoy a warm winter concert from the 5th & 6th grade chorus at Westridge Elementary! Open to children and adults. No registration!

0 - adult

WDM Library *Youth Programs*

FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

Wed, Dec 13 | 3:45 pm [Dec 4]

Thumpety-thump-thump...join us for a fun and frosty afternoon! Registration required.

5 - 12 yrs

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

2nd Wed | 3:30-5 pm: Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14

If you'd like to make the library a better place for teens, then the WDM Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is for you! Members can take a leadership role in the community, give input in teen activities, and help develop the library collection of young adult materials. TAB also hosts fundraisers for teen programming, participates in community activities, helps with Youth Services programs, and more. Stop by a meeting or pick up an application today! TAB Meets Sep-May. Millie Knee Classroom. Questions? Call 515.222.3405 or email youthservices@wdm.iowa.gov

12 - 18 yrs

NEW! WINTER READING PROGRAM

Dec 15, 2017 - Jan 15, 2018

The WDM Library wants YOU to keep reading over winter break! Sign up online and track your reading to earn a prize. See our website for details. Registration required.

0 - 18 yrs

WORD

Wed @ 3:30 pm:

Dec 20 [Dec 4]

Jan 24 [Jan 2]

Feb 28 [Jan 29]

Mar 28 [Mar 5]

Word is a monthly hangout for teens.

Some months we will create.

Some months we will build.

Some months we will eat snacks or watch a movie.

Every month it will be rad.

Come to Word this month.

Registration required.

12 - 18 yrs

DROP-IN WINTER CRAFT

Wed & Thu, Dec 27 & 28: 9 am - 9 pm

Fri, Dec 29: 9 am - 6pm

Stop by during regular library hours and we'll have a whimsical winter craft for you. Library Youth Services Department. No registration!

1 - 12 yrs

BALLOONING 101

Thu, Dec 28 | 1:30 pm [Dec 4]

Get your PhB (Doctor of Balloon-ology) in balloon making! Learn to make balloon creations of all kinds...hats, wands, animals, and more. Presented by Christine Carroll of Pink Stew Entertainment. Registration required.

7 - 12 yrs

WINTER BIRDS

WITH POLK COUNTY CONSERVATION

Fri, Dec 29 | 1 pm [Dec 4]

Winter is a wonderful time to bird watch. Find out how to identify some common Iowa birds and get to know much more about our fine feathered friends! Presented by Lewis Major. Registration required.

4 - 12 yrs

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT: CHRISTINE HILBERT

Mon, Jan 15 | 11 am

There's no school today, so join us for a very special visit from children's author Christine Hilbert! She will be sharing her book *Echo of the Star* and we will provide a special craft project for all children who attend. Open to adults and children. No registration!

All Ages



WDM Library *Children's Programs***AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES****Wed @ 3:45 pm:****Jan 17 [Jan 2]****Feb 21 [Jan 29]****Mar 21 [Mar 5]**

ad-ven-ture \əd-ven-cher\ noun 1. an exciting, unusual, or remarkable experience. 2. a bold undertaking or action involving unknown risks and uncertain outcome. Embark on an adventure with us. Who knows what may happen!? Registration required.

5 - 12 yrs**CHECKMATES: CHESS & BOARD GAME CLUB****4th Thu at 6:30 pm: Jan 25, Feb 22,****Mar 22, Apr 26**

For those who know the basics – we'll provide chess sets and feature a different board game each month – or bring your own! Sponsored by the WDM Library Friends Foundation. Library Community Room. Registration preferred.

6 - adult**MUSIC FOR TOTS****Fri, Feb 2 | 9:30 & 10:15 am [Jan 29]**

Amanda Meyer presents a music class for you and your little one. Join the fun as we sing songs (familiar and new), play instruments, do movement activities, play with the parachute and much more! Registration required.

0-5 w/adult**VALENTINE CARD WORKSHOP FOR KIDS****Wed, Feb 7 | 3:45 pm [Jan 2]**

Make some love-ly Valentines for your friends and family at our workshop! Library Community Room. Registration required.

5 - 12 yrs**MODEL TRAINS!****Sat, Jan 27 | 9 am – 5 pm****Sun, Jan 28 | 2 – 4 pm**

Stop by to see the DesMoinNTrak's N-scale working layout! Open to adults and children of all ages. Be sure to stop by the Youth Services Department for a terrific train craft before you leave! No registration!

All Ages**NEW! 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN**

Read to succeed! The best and the brightest have parents who read to them. Register online and track the time YOU read with your child. When you reach 1000 books, pick up a free book for your home collection!

0-6 & Parents**VALENTINE PARTIES!****Wed, Feb 14 & Thu, Feb 15****10:30 am [Jan 29]**

Join us for a Valentine puppet show, sweet holiday stories, silly songs, and a take-home craft. Please choose one event (Wed OR Thu). Registration required.

0-6 w/adult**SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL****Mon, Feb 26 & Wed, Feb 28****9:30 & 10:30 am [Jan 29]**

Bop into the library to rock'n'roll, do The Stroll, twist and shout, sing it out...in this upbeat music and movement program. Registration required.

**Ages 1-4 [9:30 am]
Ages 2-6 [10:30 am]**

IF YOU ENJOY OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS, PLEASE JOIN THE FRIENDS!

- Friends memberships pay for many of our special youth programs throughout the year. During the 2016-17 Fiscal Year, the library offered 574 children's programs with 34,526 attendees.
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- * Your donation is tax deductible!

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222.3400**
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*SUMMER HOURS

Sat: 10 am-4 pm | Sun: Closed

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RESEARCH

REFERENCE TOOLS

From our homepage, find links to great websites, listed by category: Life Links; Books, Music and Entertainment; Hobbies and Interests; Local Interest; Government; General Reference; and Travel and the Outdoors. Got a question? We can help!

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DATABASES

We have a variety of electronic resources – some are available in the library; others are also accessible from home. Topics include genealogy, repair, address/phone numbers, magazine/newspaper searching, business and investing; readers' advisory, homework help, travel, hobbies, and more.

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HOMEBOUND DELIVERY: WE MAKE HOUSECALLS!

If you are a WDM resident unable to come to the library for health reasons and interested in receiving regular monthly visits from a volunteer, give us a call or check our website.

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BOOK CLUB COLLECTION

The library has multiple copies of past Club Read titles (Book Club Kits) available for local book clubs to borrow. Specific titles are listed on our website. Advance reservations required. **222-3585 children's titles**

• **515-222-3410 adult titles • wdmlibrary.org**

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Search the library calendar for events and descriptions. Searchable by event types (library info, public meetings) and age group. If registration is required, selecting the event will lead to the online registration form. You may also register in person or by phone.

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WDM LIBRARY FRIENDS FOUNDATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Our community library is fortunate to have the support of the WDM Library Friends Foundation – a volunteer-based, non-profit organization.

- Friends Memberships fund special projects, like the Laptop Lab, and programs for all ages. Contributions mean more books, music, and movies in the collection, so YOU have a better selection.

- Your donations are tax deductible!

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FRIENDS FOUNDATION: GIFTS & MEMORIALS | BOOK BUY BOOK

It's tough finding the right gift, but you can honor friends, family, or a special occasion through the Friends' Book Buy Book donation program. For each \$25 donation, we'll purchase an appropriate title, add a bookplate, and send notification of your gift. This program builds a better library collection for all to enjoy AND your gift is tax-deductible! Larger gifts can be made to the Friends endowment or to fund a special project. Online donations accepted too!

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FRIENDS BOOK SALE AREA

Find great bargains in the corner by the children's periodicals – from 10¢ magazines to \$1 hardbacks – adult and children's titles. Coordinated by the Friends Foundation, proceeds benefit library programs and collections. • **515-222-3400**

VOLUNTEER

We need reliable adult volunteers, especially in our homebound delivery program (1-2 deliveries per month). Pick up an application at the 1st Floor Service Desk or print one online. Student volunteers are accepted to work in the summer (apply in early April); must be age 13 or older; and have completed the 7th grade. Group service projects may be available through the school year.

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TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT

Available for use in the library: photocopier, fax, interactive storybooks, word processing, free Internet access, wireless access, and a 20/20+TV enlarger for the visually impaired. Overhead projector and iPads available for checkout. Hate long lines? Try a 3M SelfCheck machine! **515-222-3400 • wdmlibrary.org**

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From our home page, click on KIDS, TEENS, or ADULTS (orange box, left side). BLOG is one of the choices you'll find in the green box (upper left). Get the latest program updates, plus book lists, staff picks, reading and literacy tips, and more.



YOUTH SERVICES

The first floor Youth Services Department includes books for babies through 6th grade, as well as audiobooks, music, movies, magazines, puzzles, and puppets (for use with the puppet theater and for check-out). Our kids' area is equipped with train, lightbox, and Lego Duplo tables which encourage creative play. You'll find Young Adult (YA) materials upstairs, along with comfy couches and study tables. For info on programs and activities, drop in or check out our website. **515-222-3403 • wdmlibrary.org/teens**



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YOUR LIBRARY STORY

Has the WDM Library made a difference in YOUR life? Tell us about it in 500 words or less. Selected stories will be featured on our website or promotional materials (with permission). For details, visit **wdmlibrary.org/tell-us-your-library-story**

WDM LIBRARY TALETRAIL

From the library side of the pond through the tunnel to Ashawa Park, visitors are invited to travel the "TaleTrail" – a series of sixteen kiosks designed to slowly reveal a children's story. The tales displayed are expected to change on a quarterly basis. The TaleTrail project is sponsored by private donations and the WDM Library Friends Foundation in memory of Dr. Robert C. Brooks.

DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL

An Iowa DOT License and Identification renewal kiosk is located in the WDM Library Living Room and available during library hours. The kiosk takes a photo and issues a temporary document; the new license of ID card will be mailed to the user. Credit and debit card payments are accepted (no cash). The service is quick, but there are some restrictions. See our website for details. • **wdmlibrary.org/using-the-library/iowadot-drivers-license-renewal-kiosk**



WDM Human Services

"The ♥ of the Community"

WDM Human Services has been helping community members since 1979. As a department within the City of West Des Moines, WDM Human Services is a non-profit agency that provides necessary assistance to low-income, elderly and disabled individuals in our service area. Basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, transportation and emergency financial assistance are a few of the critical services provided by WDM Human Services. For more than 35 years, we have provided assistance to community members during emergency situations to ensure their well-being and to improve their quality of life. WDM Human Services partners with members of the community to provide support and assistance. If you would like to help us meet our community need, please call 273-0633.



WDM Human Services *programs*

Human Services Mission:

"To provide opportunities for citizens to improve and enhance their quality of life and sense of community through the programs and services available."

TRANSPORTATION

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
SENIOR DINNER CLUB Seniors (60+) have the opportunity to enjoy one another's company while they dine at one of our local restaurants.	Trans. Supervisor 222-3661	First Tuesday of each month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WDM senior residents Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance 	Cost of your dinner Transportation FREE (donations encouraged)



TRANSPORTATION

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER Transportation is available for senior residents of West Des Moines, Clive (Polk County), Windsor Heights and Des Moines (Frisbee Park area). Along with a nutritious lunch, enjoy fun daily activities.	Trans. Supervisor 222-3661 134 6th St. Westside Community Center	M – F 8am – 4pm Lunch served at 11:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors (60+) Reservations must be made by noon the day before 	donations encouraged
APPOINTMENTS Transportation is available for necessary medical appointments, recreational group trips, Human Services referral trips and for other trips as time allows (i.e., grocery store, bank)	Trans. Supervisor 222-3661	M – F 8am – 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors (60+), disabled and low-income residents of WDM Reservations must be made by noon the day before 	donations encouraged

CITIZENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

FRIENDSHIP CONNECTION Friendship Connection is a club for young adults with special needs.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	Thursdays 10am – 11:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young adults with special needs 	NONE
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Friendship Connection

Friendship Connection is offered every Thursday from 10:00am to 11:30am through WDM Human Services at various locations throughout the community. Participants socialize, play games, sing and have fun! Organizations throughout the community also make special presentations on occasion. To learn more, or to register as a participant, volunteer or presenter, please call 222-3665 or visit our website at www.wdm.iowa.gov/HumanServices.



FOOD

WDM Human Services *programs*

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
DMARC FOOD PANTRY Food is available at WDM Human Services for households in need.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	M 8:30am - 3pm T 8:30am - 3pm W 8:30am - noon TH 8:30am - 3pm F 8:30am - noon 2nd & 4th Tues of each month 4:30pm - 6:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must provide ID for all household members and proof of address 	NONE <i>Funding for this program is provided by USDA which is an equal opportunity employer.</i>
HOLIDAY FOOD ASSISTANCE Food assistance for the holidays is available to eligible WDM and Clive households.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk-ins welcome Deadlines apply – see website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must meet income criteria of Federal Poverty Guidelines Must be in our service area 	NONE
BREAD DISTRIBUTION Donated bakery items are available weekdays for households in need.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	M – F 9am	NONE	NONE
SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM The state of Iowa, in conjunction with WDM Human Services and the WDM Community School District, provides a free summer lunch program to ensure children from low-income homes receive adequate food while not in school.	Human Services staff 222-3660 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crestview Legion Park Hillside Stilwell 	Lunches served M-F, beginning in June – See website for dates and times.	 All children 18 years or younger	FREE for children 18 years or younger
GARDEN PROGRAM Offset the cost of food by growing your own garden. Tilling is available to elderly & disabled residents of WDM.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm Registration begins in April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of income Proof of address WDM resident ID required for all household members 	NONE

HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
ENERGY ASSISTANCE (LIHEAP) The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps qualifying households with their primary heating costs during the winter.	Human Services Staff 222-3660 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for an appointment Walk-ins welcome 	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm Application period begins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10/2 for seniors and disabled households 11/1 for all other households Application period ends the last business day in April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-income households in Polk County Social security card & date of birth for all household members Past 30 days of verifiable income from all sources for all household members, or 2016 income tax return 	NONE
Dallas County Residents receive assistance at the Dallas County Family Development Center, 2814 1st St., Perry, IA 50220 465-5185				
EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE Emergency Assistance is available to avoid housing evictions and utility disconnections to eligible households.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low income WDM residents. Residents must present lease or utility bill Past 30 days of verifiable income from all sources for all household members, or 2016 income tax return 	NONE
ASSISTANCE WITH GOVERNMENT FORMS Government forms are not always easy to fill out. WDM Human Services is here to help. Includes forms for DHS and tax rebates.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm	Service area residents	NONE





YOUTH ASSISTANCE

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
YOUTH RECREATIONAL ASSISTANCE Limited scholarships for recreational/educational activities offered through WDM Parks & Recreation are available to eligible households.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of income • Proof of address • WDM resident • ID required for all household members 	50% off program fee (client pays part of fee)
SCHOOL SUPPLIES School supplies are available on a limited basis in August including classroom supplies and backpacks.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See website for dates • Registration begins in July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of income • Proof of address • WDM resident • ID required for all household members 	NONE
HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE Need help with the holidays? Programs are available for qualifying households including Adopt-A-Family and Toyland.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk-ins welcome • Deadlines apply – see website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must meet income criteria of Federal Poverty Guidelines • Visit website for more information 	NONE
POOL PASSES Pool passes are available to low-income residents of West Des Moines.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	M 8am – 3pm T 8am – 3pm W 8am – noon TH 8am – 3pm Registration begins in April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of income • Proof of address • WDM resident • ID required for all household members 	Reduced Rate –varies depending on household income



HOUSING

HOUSING SOLUTIONS

A short-term rental and support services program (Rapid Rehousing) for homeless families residing in emergency shelters with minor children

Housing Solutions Coordinator
222-3666

M – F
8am – 4pm

Limited availability

- Eligible homeless participants will need to meet HUD homeless guidelines and income criteria
- Must be referred by Primary Healthcare (515-248-1850)

CLOTHING CLOSET

description	contact/ location	dates days/times	eligibility/ qualifications	fee
Gently used clothing articles and housewares are available to those in need on a monthly basis.	Human Services Staff 222-3660	M 8:30am - 3pm T 8:30am - 3pm W 8:30am - noon TH 8:30am - 3pm F 8:30am - noon 2nd & 4th Tues of each month: 4:30pm – 6:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of income • Proof of address • Service area resident • ID required for all household members 	NONE (donations encouraged)

This is a community supported program — donations of clothing and small housewares are always needed.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

ESL CLASSES

are provided for individuals whose first language is not English.

Human Services Staff
222-3660

T & TH
10am – noon

- Pre-registration required
- Limited # of participants

NONE

HISET CLASSES

For individuals seeking to earn their high school equivalency diploma.

Human Services Staff
222-3660

M & W
7:30am - Noon
12:30pm - 3pm

M, T, W, TH
6pm - 9pm

- Registration required
- Must be 18 yrs or older

NONE



ELDERLY ASSISTANCE

HANDYMAN SERVICES

Services include lawn mowing, snow removal and minor exterior home repairs for low-income elderly and disabled residents of WDM.

Human Services Staff
222-3660

M – F
8am – 5pm

- Income - eligible seniors (age 60+) or income-eligible disabled residents of WDM
- Registration required

NONE (donations encouraged)

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteers are needed in the Clothing Closet, Food Pantry and for ESL classes at West Des Moines Human Services. Opportunities are available Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. Convenient WDM location in Valley Junction neighborhood. Must be 14 years or older. To learn more, please contact Mindy Hotovec at **222-3663** or visit www.wdm.iowa.gov/HumanServices.





FREE Transportation

West Des Moines residents who are seniors (age 60+), disabled, or low income can receive free transportation to necessary appointments and to the Westside Community Center. Rides are provided with a fleet of four vehicles, three wheelchair accessible buses and one van. The service operates Monday through Friday all year. Transportation is also provided for recreational outings like the "Senior Dinner Club," as well as trips to the bank, grocery store, barber, etc. as time allows. Reservations required by noon the day before a ride is needed.

Please call 222-3661 for more information, or to schedule a ride.

WEST DES MOINES HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (515) 222-3675

The mission of the West Des Moines Human Rights Commission is to encourage and support comprehensive educational opportunities that promote a more inclusive community.



FREE High School Equivalency Classes at WDM Human Services

High School Equivalency classes (HSED) are now being offered at West Des Moines Human Services. The classes are offered through a program called Bridges to Success which is a collaboration between DMACC and United Way of Central Iowa. The program helps students earn their high school diploma and pass the HiSET tests, opening up job and career opportunities. DMACC instructors lead the classes. Evening and day classes available.

To sign up or learn more, visit bridgesdsm.org or call 515-256-4924.



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Partner with WDM Human Services to help our neighbors in need!

WDM Human Services Current Needs

Personal Pantry:

Each month WDM Human Services assists approximately 350 low-income households with personal care products. We need your help to meet the needs in our community. The following items are needed on an on-going basis:

- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toilet Paper
- Toothpaste
- Diapers (Sizes 4-6)
- Soap

Clothing Closet:

Our clothing closet is in need of new or gently used children's, teen, and adult clothing and shoes. We also need towels, sheets, blankets, toys and small household items. Clothing Closet donations are accepted Monday through Friday 8:30am - 4pm at 139 6th Street in West Des Moines. Donation receipts are available.



ESL Classes at WDM Human Services

English as a Second Language classes are now being offered at West Des Moines Human Services. The free beginner-level classes provide instruction in conversational English. The classes take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 am to noon in eight week sessions. Volunteer tutors are needed to assist with the classes. Volunteers will provide small group and one-on-one instruction for adult learners. Knowledge of a second language is not necessary to volunteer.

Call 222-3663 for more information or to register as a student or volunteer!

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WDM Human Services "The ♥ of the Community"

Help Your Neighbors In Need

The holidays are approaching and you are invited to add one or more families to your holiday list by participating in one of West Des Moines Human Services' holiday assistance programs.

West Des Moines Human Services is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to low-income, elderly and disabled individuals in our service area. Many of our community members are surviving on very limited incomes and struggle to afford even the most basic of necessities. The holiday season can be particularly difficult for these individuals and families.

Please consider partnering with us to assist these struggling members of our community. Gifts can be delivered directly to a family, or you may deliver your gifts to West Des Moines Human Services and we will deliver to the family. **Following are the opportunities available:**

Thanksgiving

Sponsors are needed to provide grocery gift cards or food baskets.

THANKSGIVING DINNER
Thursday, November 23
11:30 AM
WDM Christian Church
4501 Mills Civic Pkwy, WDM
Reservations required.
Call 223-1639 by
November 17th.

(Limited seating available)

* Note, for transportation to the dinner, please call 222-3661.

Adopt-A-Family Program

Sponsors are matched with a WDM family in need and asked to provide gifts for the children in the household. A "wish list" for the family will be provided consisting of names, ages, genders and gift ideas for the children in the household. Sponsors may deliver the gifts directly to their "adopted" family.

Toyland

This program provides toys/gifts for kids who are not sponsored through the Adopt-A-Family program. Toyland will take place on December 13, 14, and 15 at WDM Human Services. Donations of new, unwrapped toys/gifts and gift cards for teens are needed for this event.

Monetary Gifts and Gift Cards

Monetary donations and grocery gift cards are also appreciated as this allows us to assist families during the holidays and throughout the year.

If you know of other individuals or organizations who may wish to participate, please share this information. We have many families and children who need assistance, and adopting a family is a wonderful tradition during the holidays. Please call 222-3663 for more information or visit our website at www.wdm.iowa.gov/HumanServices.

If you are interested in providing assistance, please complete the **Holiday Sponsor Form** by December 8th (November 10th for Thanksgiving) and send to:

West Des Moines Human Services
ATTN: Mindy Hotovec
139 6th Street, P.O. Box 65320
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265
Melinda.Hotovec@wdm.iowa.gov

Visit us on the web at www.wdm.iowa.gov

HOLIDAY SPONSOR FORM

Contact Name

Organization (if applicable)

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

☐ **I will deliver directly to the family.**
(Note, food baskets must be delivered to the family.)

☐ **I will deliver to WDM Human Services.**

Do you speak Spanish or have access to an interpreter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you been a sponsor in the past? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I would like to participate in the following programs offered by WDM Human Services:

Please check the program(s) and fill in the requested information.

☐ Food Card and/or Food Basket:

☐ **Option 1:** Purchase a **food card** from a local grocery provider for _____ (holiday)
(\$25 increment(s) please)
I will provide a food card(s) for _____ family(s). Maximum size of family(s): _____

☐ **Option 2:** Provide a **food basket** for Thanksgiving.
(Food baskets must be delivered directly to the family)
I will provide a food basket for _____ family(s). Maximum size of family(s): _____

☐ Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program:

Minimum Requirements: Sponsors are asked to **provide gifts for the children living in the household up to age 18** consisting of at least two to three gifts per child. Of course, you may provide more if you desire. **(Optional:** Sponsors may also provide a food basket for the family consisting of the groceries needed for a holiday meal or a food card from a local grocery provider.)

I want to adopt _____ family(s). Maximum size of family(s): _____

Special Preferences: (ie, specific ages) _____

☐ Toyland

(Please deliver new, unwrapped toys/gifts to WDM Human Services by December 12th, 2017.)

☐ Monetary Contribution or Gift Cards

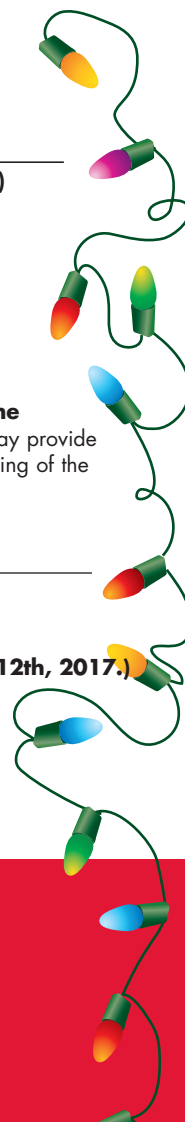
Your contribution will be used to assist families during the holidays and throughout the year.

Please make your check payable to: West Des Moines Human Services

Sponsor forms or donations should be sent to:

(Deadlines: Thanksgiving – 11/10, Christmas – 12/8)

WDM Human Services • Attention: Mindy Hotovec
139 6th Street, P.O. Box 65320, West Des Moines, IA 50265
Melinda.Hotovec@wdm.iowa.gov • 222-3663



Sunday Supper In Our Town

RAISES OVER \$60,000

To help low-income, elderly and disabled residents

West Des Moines Human Services held its 8th annual "Sunday Supper In Our Town" fundraising event at Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar on September 24th, 2017. More than 145 guests attended the dinner benefiting low-income, elderly and disabled residents in the western suburbs. Proceeds benefit the programs of West Des Moines Human Services. It was a wonderful evening of giving back to the community!

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WDM Parks & Recreation

PROGRAM GUIDE

Registration Starts:
November 14 | 8am

*We provide our
community everyday
enjoyment through
people, parks
and programs.*



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WDM Parks and Recreation *registration*

3 WAYS TO REGISTER



Scan & Register with your
mobile device.

- **Online:**
www.wdm.iowa.gov/ParkRecReg
- **Mail-In:**
P.O. Box 65320, WDM, IA 50265
- **Call-In:**
222-3444

WDM Parks and Recreation *policies*

POLICIES

RECREATION PROGRAM REFUND POLICY

Please call the West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Office at 515-222-3444 Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to request a refund.

1. Full refunds will be given if the request is submitted no later than 7 days prior to the program start date.
2. Refund requests submitted less than 7 days before the start date will be charged a \$10.00 withdrawal fee.
3. Requests for refunds submitted after the event start date or completion of the program will not be considered.
4. Please allow 2-3 weeks to process a check refund for payments originally made by cash or check. No cash refunds will be given.
5. Payments made by credit/debit card will be refunded back to the original credit/debit card.
6. The Recreation Program Refund Policy does not apply to travel programs or adult sport leagues.
7. Refunds for medical situations will be considered on a case by case basis.

CANCELLATION POLICY

We reserve the right to cancel a program or activity that does not meet the minimum number of participants necessary to offer the program.

REGISTRATION CHANGE FEE

A fee of \$5 will be charged for each Registration Change made after participants are enrolled in a program.

RECREATION PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

Fee discounts are available for WDM residents meeting guidelines for assistance. Applications will be available at **WDM Human Services, 139 6th Street.**

ACCOMMODATIONS

It is the responsibility of the individual with a disability requiring accommodations to inform the Parks and Recreation Department, at least 48 hours in advance. Please call **222-3444** to have accommodations provided.

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REGISTER ONLINE AT

www.wdm.iowa.gov/ParkRecReg



West Des Moines Parks & Recreation Department Facilities

Administrative Office at WDM City Hall

4200 Mills Civic Parkway 222-3444

Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge

2500 Grand Avenue 222-3424

Raccoon River Park Archery Facility

2500 Grand Avenue 222-3424

Raccoon River Park Dog Park

2500 Grand Avenue 222-3444

Raccoon River Park Softball Complex

2500 Grand Avenue 222-3505

Valley Junction Activity Center

217 5th Street 222-3440

Holiday Aquatic Center

1701 Railroad Avenue 273-0700

Holiday Park Baseball Complex

1701 Railroad Avenue 222-3454

Valley View Aquatic Center

255 S. 81st Street 273-0700

Jordan Cemetery

2950 Fuller Road 222-3444

Weather Cancellation Hotline

222-3500



Jordan Cemetery

A resting place for many of the founding families of West Des Moines, Jordan Cemetery is located at 2950 Fuller Road. Jordan Cemetery dates back to 1846 when James Jordan arrived in Polk County and homesteaded in the area. The cemetery is now operated by the Parks & Recreation Department and continues to provide cemetery lots for sale. If you would like information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Office at 222-3444.



West Des Moines Parks

American Legion Park...301 Vine St.
Ashawa Park.....4431 Waterford Dr.
Brookview Park.....400 81st St.
Crossroads Park.....5205 Ashworth Rd.
Fairmeadows Park.....543 22nd St.
Florer Park.....1410 Locust St.
Holiday Park.....1701 Railroad Ave.
Huston Ridge Park8455 Coachlight Dr.
Jaycee Park.....5608 Center St.
Jordan Creek Park.....310 50th St.
Kiwanis Park.....3101 Maple St.
Knolls Park5150 Aspen Dr.
Maple Grove Park.....9350 Chalk St.
Meadowview Park638 Prairie View Dr.

Pearson Park1256 19th St.
Peony Park.....1100 63rd St.
Quail Cove Park.....1515 South 52nd St.
Raccoon River Park.....2500 Grand Ave.
Railroad Park425 Railroad Ave.
Scenic Valley Park.....1223 South 24th Ct.
Southwoods Park.....350 South 35th St.
Valley View Park.....255 81st St.
Western Hills Park4115 Walnut St.
Wild Rose Park6801 Cody Dr.
Willow Springs Park5685 Wistful Vista Dr.
Wilson Park.....298 9th St.
Woodland Hills Park1230 South 95th St.

Valley Junction Activity Center

Located in the heart of Valley Junction, the Valley Junction Activity Center offers a variety of meeting and social function spaces that can meet your needs. On the first level there are flexible rooms that can accommodate groups from 20 to 100 people depending on your set up requirements.

The Grand Ballroom is located on the second level of the building which offers space for seated functions for groups as large as 200 people. The Ballroom has been updated with a new maple wood floor, ceiling and lighting updates, a fresh coat of paint, and new windows. It is a great space for large family or business dinner affairs as well as wedding receptions.

Give us a call at 222-3440 to check rates and availability today!



Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge

Are you looking for a room with a view to hold that family function or business meeting? The Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge is the place for you. The Lakeview Room provides a panoramic view of Blue Heron Lake in Raccoon River Park. This unique setting provides a quality experience for your guests to enjoy and offers a variety of space and services to make planning your event as easy as one...two...three.

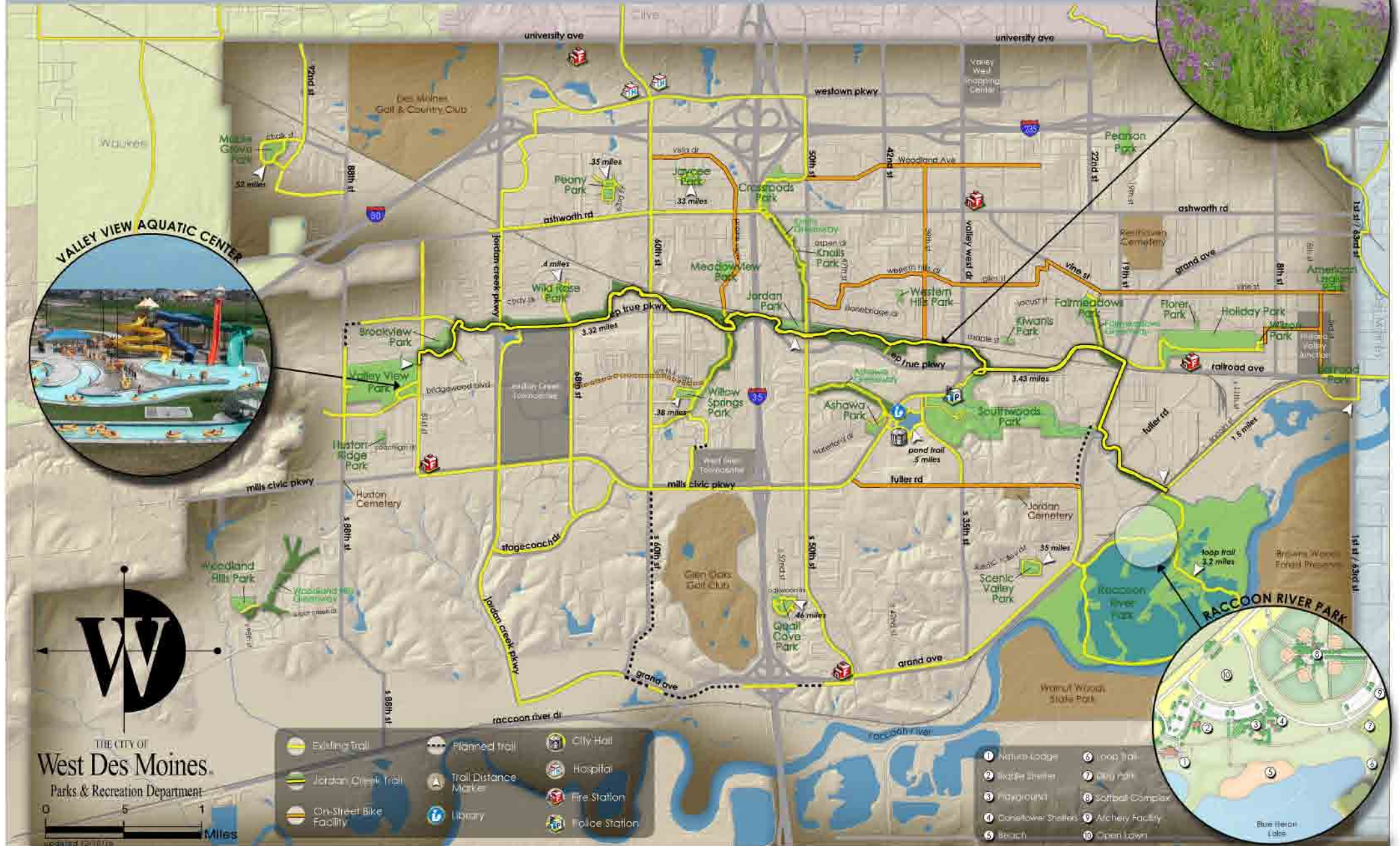
The Lakeview Room can accommodate small or large groups for up to 120 people. You can also bring your own caterer for your event. Weekday business rates are available between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Our great rental rates make event planning affordable and works within your budget.

Give us a call at 222-3424 to check availability!



PARKS & TRAILS MAP

WEST DES MOINES PARKS & RECREATION





Raccoon River Park Archery Facility

Archery permit for 2018 can be purchased after December 1.

The facility is the first of its kind in Iowa and features:

- Enclosure walls/fencing
- Overhead 'arrow curtains'
- Shelter over shooting area
- Staging area
- 12 shooting lanes
- Target blocks up to 40 yards distance

Learn more about the facility and download permit forms at www.wdm.iowa.gov/Archery. Questions? (515) 222-3444 or ParkRec@wdm.iowa.gov

Annual Permit	WDM Resident	Non-Resident
Adult	\$20	\$40
Youth (15 & Under)	\$10	\$20
Daily Permit	WDM Resident	Non-Resident
Adult	\$5	\$5
Youth (15 & Under)	\$5	\$5

Permits can be purchased at the following locations:

- **West Des Moines Parks & Recreation Office**
4200 Mills Civic Pkwy, Suite 1B, West Des Moines
Phone: 222-3444 | Fax: 222-3459
Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm
- **Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge**
2500 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines
Phone: 222-3424 | Fax: 222-3658
Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm, call for evening/weekend hours



Using the Facility

- A permit is required for each person shooting arrows.
- The Archery Facility is open daily for use from dawn to dusk.
- Archers must supply their own equipment and paper targets.
- Children 15 and under must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Stationary target blocks are provided; each serves 2 lanes.
- To increase the life of target blocks, use pins to attach paper targets and aim for different areas. No broadheads allowed.

See page
28 for
Archery
program

\$5 Day Passes are available online for the Archery Facility at Raccoon River Park. Find them at wdm.iowa.gov/DayPasses

Raccoon River Dog Park

Dogs in Parks

For the safety and well-being of all park visitors and for the safety of your dog, please remember that the **ONLY** place that dogs are allowed to be off-leash in the City's parks is the Raccoon River Dog Park. In all other parks, rules and regulations require that dogs be on a leash not more than 10 feet long.

Also, please be considerate to other park visitors and clean up after your dog. Waste bags are provided in Raccoon River Park along the trail. Remember to bring a bag with you to all other parks and trails. We appreciate responsible pet owners!

Dog Park permit for 2018 can be purchased after December 1. Don't miss out on the fun!

Mail-In

Go to www.wdm.iowa.gov/DogPark download the application form, complete it and mail the form, a copy of rabies & distemper/parvo vaccination records and payment to the address on the form.

Walk-In

Stop by one of the following locations. Be sure to bring your dog's records showing current rabies & distemper/parvo vaccinations.

WDM Parks & Recreation Administration

4200 Mills Civic Parkway – 1B
8am – 5pm, Monday-Friday

Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge

2500 Grand Avenue
8am – 5pm, Monday-Friday
Evening/Weekend Hours –
Call 222-3424

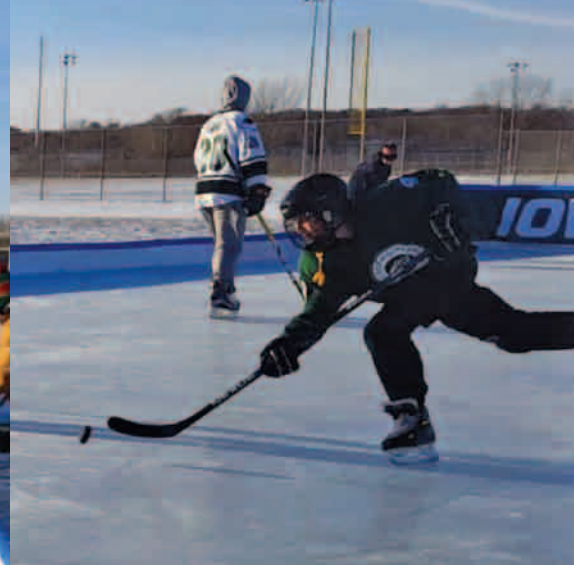


Permit	WDM Resident	Non-Resident
Annual	\$20	\$40
Daily	\$5	\$5

**DAY PASSES
AVAILABLE
NOW ONLINE!**

\$5 Day Passes are available online for the Dog Park at Raccoon River Park.

Find them at wdm.iowa.gov/DayPasses



Return of Ice Skating at Raccoon River Park

Thanks to a generous gift last year from Wells Fargo and the Iowa Wild, the portable ice rink will be installed again at Raccoon River Park near the softball complex and dog park. Bring your skates and remember to skate in a safe and responsible manner. Look for announcements on the Parks and Recreation's webpage and Facebook page about updates when ice skating can begin. For more information, call 222-3444.

WELLS FARGO



**ALL SKATERS ARE ADVISED THAT THEY
ARE SKATING AT THEIR OWN RISK
RINK OPEN DAWN TO DUSK**

- Ice skating, by its nature, is a hazardous activity, falls are common. Rink users are strongly encouraged to wear helmets and other protective gear.
- Skate in control, accept responsibility for knowing the range of your ability while on skates.
- Be considerate of others, maintain a proper lookout to avoid other skaters.
- Beware of soft spots, rough edges, water puddles or other hazards on the ice.
- Please use caution entering and exiting the ice rink.
- Kicking holes, chipping or gouging the ice is prohibited.
- Skaters and spectators must not to sit on, lean over or leave articles on the dasher boards.
- No food, drink or pets on the ice.
- Do not skate while under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or other control impairing substances.
- A color system will be used to inform the public of skating conditions, green indicating conditions are suitable for skating and red signifying the rink is closed.
- All skaters must be on skates.
- All park rules and regulations in Title 7, Chapter 11 of the West Des Moines City Code shall apply.

DO NOT SKATE IF THE RINK HAS BEEN DAMAGED OR ICE HAS MELTED.

Please report any concerns or damage to
WDM Public Services • 222-3480



Breakfast with Santa

Join us for this fun, festive, holiday breakfast featuring Santa Claus himself!! Our event features an all you can eat pancake breakfast, catered by "Chris Cakes." Photos on Santa's lap will be available so be sure to bring your camera! Limited admission tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Please be sure to register early.

All children must be supervised by a paying adult to attend.

DAY	Saturday
DATE	December 9
TIME	8 – 10am (Open house format)
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
FEE	per person ages 12+ \$6 ages 2 – 11 \$4 under 2 years FREE
REGISTER BY	December 1
COURSE ID	3917

Sweetheart Dance

Join us for this annual community event that provides a unique opportunity for fathers, or father figures, and their daughters to spend an evening together. This event held at the **West Des Moines Sheraton Hotel**, provides an added touch of elegance. A child-friendly, light Italian meal will be served buffet style along with a variety of desserts during the festivities. A video DJ, Thunder and Lightning, will WOW the crowd with two huge video screens and family-friendly music. Photos will be available from University Photo for a small additional fee, and a box of conversation hearts will be handed out to each girl at departure. Plan ahead and don't miss out!

DAY	Sunday
DATE	January 28
TIME	4 – 7pm
LOCATION	WDM Sheraton Hotel 50th and University Ave
AGES	4 – 11
FEE	\$18 per person
COURSE ID	3866



NEW!

YOGA WITH JAYLA!

Jayla wishes to create an environment that offers both physical and mental breakthroughs. She encourages people to explore themselves by creating relatable themes with impact and wishes to empower those that feel weak. Being a weak person when she started training, Jayla aspires to instill the same lessons, feelings, and confidence that she gained through yoga. To keep up to date on classes www.facebook.com/yogawithjayla



DATES	COURSE ID
January 4 – 28	4327
February 1 – 25	4328
March 1 – 31	4329
April 5 – 29	4330
TIMES	DAYS
5:45 – 6:45pm	Thursdays
10 – 11am	Saturdays and Sundays
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center
FEES	\$80 per month, \$60 for 10 classes or \$10 drop-in fee



ZUMBA

Perfect For Everybody and everybody! Each Zumba® class is designed to bring people together to sweat it on.

How It Works

We take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. Once the Latin and World rhythms take over, you'll see why Zumba® Fitness classes are often called exercise in disguise. Super effective? Check. Super fun? Check and check.

Benefits

A total workout, combining all elements of fitness – cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.

Instructor: Eva Otanez

515-419-9523 • www.eva123.zumba.com

SESSION 1	
DATE	January 3 – February 8
FEE	\$85
COURSE ID	4324

SESSION 2	
DATE	February 21 – March 29
FEE	\$85
COURSE ID	4325

SESSION 3	
DATE	April 9 – May 17
FEE	\$90
COURSE ID	4326

TIME	5:15 – 6:15pm
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center
DAYS	Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Option punch card: 10 classes \$60

#sELFie

Join WDM Parks and Recreation's holiday #sELFie project starting the week after Thanksgiving! Can you find the three places throughout West Des Moines where you can join in on the #sELFie project? Take your picture and post it to our Facebook page with #sELFie.



Calling West Des Moines groups, families, clubs, schools and businesses!

Snowman Building Contest

The Snowman Building Contest is a community wide, family event that gets people outside and enjoying our fabulous winter. You can build a snowman or snow sculpture in your yard, place of work, or in a WDM park. Over the 8-week period we encourage groups, families, clubs, schools and businesses to have a whole bunch of fun building a snowman or snow sculpture to win a prize.

Groups are encouraged to build a snow creation, submit up to 3 photos that include at least one of the builders, and submit it to allison.ullestad@wdm.iowa.gov with contact information by February 28. Community judges will select a winner in each of these 3 categories: **Most Creative Snowman, Most Creative Snow Sculpture, and Best Traditional Snowman.**

DATES	January 1 – February 28
PRIZE	\$100 in "Park and Rec Bucks" to each category winner



MARTIAL ARTS

Tae-Kwon-Do/Karate

The Korean art of self defense, Tae-Kwon-Do, is recognized as a beneficial method of improving health, balance, agility and poise. As a philosophy of mental alertness and moral ethics, TKD can serve to enhance anyone's life young or old. Beginner classes are for white through green belts. Intermediate/Advanced classes are for green belts and up.

Session I	January 9 – February 27		
BEGINNER CLASS			
DAY		TIME	
Tuesdays		6:30 – 7:30pm	
COURSE ID		3892	
FEE		\$41	
INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED CLASS			
DAY		TIME	
Tuesdays		7:30 – 8:30pm	
COURSE ID		3901	
FEE		\$41	

TAE-KWON-DO/ KARATE LITTLE NINJAS INSTRUCTOR:

Phil Dickey:

Fifth Degree Black Belt in Karate, Fourth Degree Black Belt in Tae-Kwon-Do, International Martial Arts Hall of Fame Inductee.

LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center
AGES	6+
REGISTER BY	One week before the session starts

Session II	March 6 – May 1		
BEGINNER CLASS			
DAY		TIME	
Tuesdays		6:30 – 7:30pm	
COURSE ID		3864	
FEE		\$41	
INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED CLASS			
DAY		TIME	
Tuesdays		7:30 – 8:30pm	
COURSE ID		3916	
FEE		\$41	

Little Ninjas

Join our early childhood program designed to teach the basic fundamentals of both Tae-Kwon-Do and Karate. This class will focus on building self-respect, self-confidence, coordination of mind and body, and self-discipline.

Session I	January 9 – February 27		
DAY	TIME	COURSE ID	FEE
Tuesdays	5:30 – 6pm	3921	\$28
Tuesdays	6 – 6:30pm	3881	\$28
Session II	March 6 – May 1		
DAY	TIME	COURSE ID	FEE
Tuesdays	5:30 – 6pm	3879	\$28
Tuesdays	6 – 6:30pm	3897	\$28

LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center
AGES	4 – 5
REGISTER BY	One week before the session starts





"WINTER WONDER PALACE"

Join us for the annual Winter Wonder Palace presented by Little Princess Parties and The City of West Des Moines! Step into a world of wonder where the cold harsh winter melts away into a palace full of princesses. Your little royal will enjoy three different winter worlds during this unique 90 minute experience.

Your little flower will gleam and glow when she enters the very first room and sees Rapunzel waiting for her! She'll enjoy games stories and a tea party and make sure your princess has the best day ever!

Next the children will be whisked away to a tropical paradise - far away from the cold harsh winter. The Polynesian Princess will be there to give your princess a taste of the island life and show the children how to hula happily ever after.

Finally, your little royal will be delighted when The Spanish Princess and the Amulet Princess help the children find out what being royal is all about.

Each room will have approximately 30 min worth of activities and every room will be very different from the others. Children ages 4+ is recommended and space is limited.

The \$29 registration fee includes one admission for the princess and one admission for the Queen Mother or Prince Father who must be present with the princess throughout the event.

DAY	Saturday
DATE	February 3
TIMES	COURSE ID
9am – 10:30am	3877
11am – 12:30pm	3905
1pm – 2:30pm	3909
REGISTER BY	January 19
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	4 – 8
FEE	\$29

Story Hour at The Nature Lodge

If cabin fever has struck, bring your children to the Nature Lodge to enjoy a story hour with our naturalist. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy as we share nature books, stories and games.

DAY	Wednesdays
DATES	November 29 – December 20
TIME	12 – 1pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	All
FEE	Free



Fun Time Story Time

Does winter have you down? Looking for someplace new to take your child that is safe and fun? Join us at the Valley Community Center for a little story time fun! We will read a couple of stories, share some cool animals and have plenty of extra play time at the indoor play center. No need to register, just show up and join the fun!

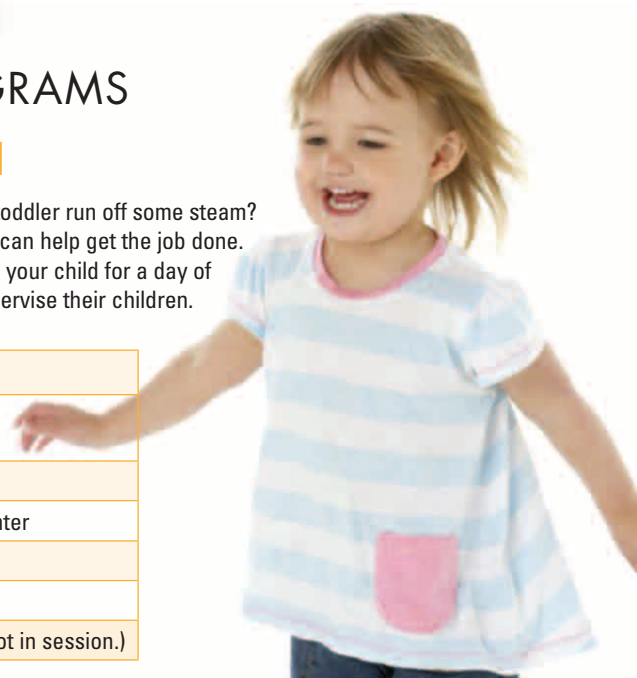
DAY	Tuesdays
DATES	January 9 – February 27
TIME	10:30 – 11am
LOCATION	Valley Community Center (4444 Fuller Road, WDM)
AGES	All
FEE	Free

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Indoor Playground

Need to get out of the house and let that toddler run off some steam? We've created an indoor playground that can help get the job done. Toys, slides, and riding toys will challenge your child for a day of fun! Parents are required to stay and supervise their children.

DAYS	Mondays & Wednesdays
DATES	October 11 – December 13 January 3 – April 4
TIME	10am – 12pm
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center
AGES	4 years & under with adult
FEE	FREE
(No Indoor Playground when school is not in session.)	



First Steps Dance Classes

First Steps Dance classes are designed to introduce children to the fundamental skills of dance at a cost and time commitment that is minimal to parents. All classes are led by Josalynn Agnew, an instructor with many years of studio experience.

Let your child learn basic dance movements in a non-threatening, recreational environment.

- 3-4 year olds will receive instruction in ballet and jazz.
- 5-7 year olds will receive instruction in ballet, jazz, and tap.

No special shoes are required.



Beginners First Steps Dance

DAYS	Mondays	
DATES	January 8 – February 19 (No class 1/15)	
AGES	TIMES	COURSE ID
5 – 7	5:30 – 6:15pm	3902
3 – 4	6:15 – 6:45pm	4223
DATES	February 26 – April 9 (No class 3/12)	
AGES	TIMES	COURSE ID
5 – 7	5:30 – 6:15pm	3883
3 – 4	6:15 – 6:45pm	3889

DAYS	Tuesdays	
DATES	January 9 – February 20 (No class 2/13)	
AGES	TIMES	COURSE ID
3 – 4	5:30 – 6pm	3913
DATES	February 27 – April 10 (No class 3/13)	
AGES	TIMES	COURSE ID
3 – 4	5:30 – 6pm	3886
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center	
FEE	\$39	

Intermediate First Steps Dance

DAYS	Mondays	
DATES	January 8 – May 21 (No class 1/15 & 3/12)	
AGES	TIMES	COURSE ID
8 – 10	6:45 – 7:45pm	3862
DAYS	Tuesdays	
DATES	January 9 – May 22 (No class 2/13 & 3/13)	
AGES	TIMES	COURSE ID
5 – 7	6 – 7pm	3912
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center	
FEE	\$119	



Tumble Tots

Learn fundamental gymnastics skills in this fun, fast-paced class where we will focus on building the foundation for good form and strength, the social skills necessary to work in a group, and also the ability to string skills together, mentally and physically. General motor skills such as walking forwards, sideways and backwards along with various jumping activities are covered. Basic skills on balance beams are taught to enhance balance. This class is full of movement including Spider-Man wall crawls, forward rolls, bridge ups and the occasional dance break.



DAYS	Wednesdays
DATES	January 10 – February 14
TIME	4:30 – 5:15pm
AGES	3 – 5
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center
MINIMUM	6
MAXIMUM	12
COURSE ID	4221
FEE	\$35

Beginners Tumbling

Students will learn proper stretching techniques with an emphasis on shoulder flexibility, necessary strength training exercise, and core tumbling skills. Included in this are a bridge, handstand, cartwheel, round-offs, front limbers, back walkovers, round-off and front walkovers using effective drills and training tools. Skills learned in this class will provide a strong basis for continued progression.

DAYS	Wednesdays
DATES	January 10 – March 28
TIME	5:30 – 6:30pm
AGES	6 – 8
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center
MINIMUM	6
MAXIMUM	12
COURSE ID	4222
FEE	\$85

Instructor Information:

Sheena Isaacson is a busy mom of three little ones that love to move! Sheena has 13 years of experience in gymnastics and greatly values the importance of keeping young children involved and physically active.



CREATIVE GENIUSES

Fun, educational, and personalized art program for children. Children will look and talk about art and self expression making their own masterpieces. Art education for children supports creative ability, confidence, hand eye coordination, math, science, and literacy skills. Most of all, art just feels good! We are where the ART and mind shine bright!



Art Squad

Every parent knows the glow of excitement when their child shouts "Look what I made!" Art Squad is a place to build on your child's potential. Creative Geniuses is a fun, educational, and student led art program. We connect student interests with art and creativity. Children will use our artistic process to bring their ideas to life. The skills practiced in the art room are valuable to all areas of our student's life including: personal, social, academic, and professional. These include planning, persevering, and collaborating with others. Plus, you will get to see that glow of excitement after class as they shout, "Look what I made!" Join our art class where kids can get the tools to paint their most colorful life!

DAY	Wednesdays		
SESSION / DATES		COURSE ID	FEES
1: January 24 – February 28		3871	\$72
2: March 28 – April 25		4245	\$60
TIME	6 – 7pm		
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center		
AGES	6 – 11		
MINIMUM	4		
MAXIMUM	12		



LEE COLE'S MAGICAMP

Magicamp is for anyone who likes to have fun. You'll spend two days learning from professional magician Lee Cole on how to entertain and amaze your friends, family and classmates. You'll learn tricks that can be done anywhere, at any time, and for the rest of your life. All magic materials are provided.

DAYS	Thursday and Saturday
DATES	December 28 and 30
TIME	9am – 12pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	7 – 15
FEE	\$45
COURSE ID	4311

DAYS	Tuesday and Thursday
DATES	March 13 and March 15
TIME	9am – 12pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	7 – 15
FEE	\$45
COURSE ID	4312



LEARN TO SKATE

Learn to Skate classes offer your skater plenty of opportunity to work on developing skills for ice sports from figure skating to ice hockey. Sessions include a 30 minute group skill lesson followed by 30 minutes of practice time. There are classes available for 3 year olds to adult, and for all skill levels! Each participant is invited to join their class for a performance routine in the Winter and Spring Shows!

Skates are free to rent with your registration. Information is also available about purchasing professional skates.

DATES	TIME	DAY	COURSE ID
December 13 – January 24 (No class January 3)	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Wednesdays	4230
January 31 – February 28	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Wednesdays	4231
February 17 – March 24	3pm – 4pm	Saturdays	4229
March 14 – April 18	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Wednesdays	4233

LOCATION	AGES	FEE	MAXIMUM
Buccaneer Arena 7201 Hickman Rd.	3 – Adult	\$100 per session	75 per session



With a caring environment at the core of camp values, Youth Tech strives to create a positive learning community that encourages creativity, fun and academic excellence. For more information about Youth Tech Inc., please visit our web site at www.youthtechinc.com

All-day courses: Students are encouraged to bring a sack lunch and drink.

AGES: Our age suggestion is ages 10-17 on most classes. Commonly we accept students who may be younger. Our courses are open to any student with a passion for learning.

Robotics-Battle Bots

This course offers hands-on opportunities to build and program robots. Working in small teams, students will design robotics systems to compete in fun real-world activities. Each day will bring a new challenge, and your team's robot will have to morph to better adapt and compete. Students will compete in the battle bots competition at the end of the camp to prove their robot is the best. This class is perfect for the student who has a big imagination and likes to build things.

DATES	December 21 – 22
TIME	9am – 4pm
AGES	10 – 17
FEE	\$150
COURSE ID	4252

DATES	March 12 – 15
TIME	9am – 12pm
AGES	10 – 17
FEE	\$150
COURSE ID	3557

LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center - Vets Room
MINIMUM	5
MAXIMUM	15

The Gaming Academy

The gaming academy is an all day course for students who love games. During this course students will be immersed into the world of 2D and 3D game design. The gaming academy is a combination of our Video Game Design, Advanced Game Design and 3D Game Design courses. The course offers students a variety of hands on experience designing and building their very own games.

DATES	December 27 – 29
TIME	9am – 4pm
AGES	10 – 17
FEE	\$240
COURSE ID	4279

Video Game Design

This course provides students with a fun interactive look at the world of video game design and development. Students enrolled in this camp will learn the basics of video game design and produce several different interactive video games to share with their friends and family.

DATES	December 27 – 28
TIME	9am – 4pm
AGES	10 – 17
FEE	\$175
COURSE ID	4280

DATES	March 12 – 15
TIME	1pm – 4pm
AGES	10 – 17
FEE	\$175
COURSE ID	4253

iCode Ages 6-12

This course offers younger students a fun, interactive look at coding. Students will create virtual apps and write their own programs that they can share with friends and family. This course makes learning to code fun and explores problem solving and programming logic. Students will have access to their accounts so the learning does not end at the door.

****Students should be able to read prior to taking this course.**

DATES	January 20 & 27
TIME	9am – 12pm
AGES	6 – 12
FEE	\$125
COURSE ID	4254

iGame Creators Ages 6-10

Want to create video games? This is an introductory course for younger students who want learn to build simple video games. This course combines the art of video game design and animation to create interactive characters that fly around the screen. Amaze your friends and family with your fun interactive games.

DATES	January 20 & 27
TIME	1 – 4pm
AGES	6 – 10
FEE	\$125
COURSE ID	4281

Arcade Video Game Design NEW Ages 6-12

This class gives students a look at online game development and puts them in the driver's seat of simple game creation. Students in this course will develop online games including arcade style, platform and other interactive games that they can publish and share online.

DATES	February 10 & 17
TIME	1 – 4pm
AGES	6 – 12
FEE	\$125
COURSE ID	4257



iWeb Ages 6-10

This class offers younger students a look at web design. Students enrolled in this course will create a website about their favorite things. This course will also teach students about internet safety as well as skills needed in the 21st century.

DATES	February 10 & 17
TIME	9am – 12pm
AGES	6 – 10
FEE	\$115
COURSE ID	4282

3D Game Design

This class offers an interactive look at the world of 3D Game Design. This awesome 3D video game design course offers the chance for students to create and immerse themselves in a 3D world. If you are looking to design professional 3D games that both look and feel just like the ones you play at home, then you don't want to miss this course.

DATES	March 14 & 15
TIME	9am – 4pm
AGES	10 – 17
FEE	\$165
COURSE ID	3551

Movie Makers

This hands-on, interactive course will instruct students on the world of digital video design and production. Students will film, direct and edit their own digital video creations. Students enrolled in this course amaze their peers with green screen and special effects work

DATES	March 3 & 10
TIME	9am – 12pm
AGES	10 – 17
FEE	\$150
COURSE ID	3556

**All-day courses:
Students are
encouraged to
bring a sack
lunch and drink.**

Cartoon Creators NEW Ages 6-10

Do you like cartoons? This is a perfect class for the student with a big imagination that wants to learn how to create their own cartoons and digital creations. This course will teach students how to build digital comics that they can share with friends and family.

DATES	April 7 & 14
TIME	9am – 12pm
AGES	6 – 10
FEE	\$110
COURSE ID	4255

Young Engineers

Technology and innovation collide to create this course. This interactive class looks to unlock the imagination of young engineers. Ever thought of creating a piano out of bananas or a video game controller out of a piece of paper? Why not? This course will utilize an invention kit for the 21st century and guide students thru the process of building several fun, interactive creations. Suggested for students ages 6-12

DATES	April 7 & 14
TIME	1pm – 4pm
AGES	6 – 12
FEE	\$110
COURSE ID	4256



START SMART

Start Smart Programs will be held once a week for 5 weeks, and each week the exercises become increasingly more difficult as the class progresses and the children show improvement. All supplies needed for Start Smart programs are provided at the first class and are included in the program fee.

A parent is required to attend and participate each week. It is recommended that non-registered siblings do not attend as it makes it difficult for parents to fully participate in the program.

Basketball

Start Smart Basketball teaches children (ages 3-5) the basic motor skills necessary to play organized basketball while they work one-on-one and spend quality time with their parents. The program focuses on teaching children and their parents skills in dribbling/ball handling, passing/catching, shooting and running/agility without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt.

DAYS	Wednesdays
DATES	January 31 – February 28
TIME	5:30 – 6:30pm
LOCATION	Crossroads Park Elementary School (1050 50th St.)
AGES	3 – 5
FEE	\$60
COURSE ID	3900

Sports Development

The Start Smart Sports Development Program is a developmentally appropriate introductory sports program for children 3-5 years old. The program prepares children for organized sports, in a fun non-threatening environment.

The Start Smart Sports Development Program prepares children and their parents for organized sports without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. Age appropriate equipment from Franklin Sports® and Hasbro® is used in teaching throwing, catching, batting and kicking.

DAYS	Tuesdays
DATES	April 3 – May1
TIME	5:30 – 6:30pm
LOCATION	Crestview Elementary School (8355 Franklin Ave.)
AGES	3 – 5
FEE	\$65
COURSE ID	3890

WEATHER
CANCELLATION
HOTLINE:
222-3500

WDM YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Youth sports in West Des Moines are coordinated by a variety of organizations. These groups are not organized by the City of West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department; however some of them may utilize city facilities. For a comprehensive listing of a variety of youth sports information and links to websites, visit:

www.wdm.iowa.gov/youthsports.

The youth sports organizations listed below will begin registration for summer 2018 activities soon. Contact each organization directly for complete information to get your child registered.

WDM Soccer Club

P.O. Box 65815 | West Des Moines, IA 50265 | 515-222-0079

Email: wdmadmin@wdsoccerclub.org | Website: www.wdsoccerclub.org

WDM Girls Softball

P.O. Box 65602 | West Des Moines, IA 50265

Email: wdmgsoftball@gmail.com | Website: www.wdmsoftball.org

WDM Youth Baseball

890 SE Olson Dr. | Waukee IA 50263 | 515-987-0806

Email: frontdesk@sportsplexwest.com | Website: www.oblofwdm.com





Spring Break Archery

Looking for something fun to do during your spring break? How about spending some time at the Raccoon River Park Archery Facility? You will have the opportunity to practice your archery skills and possibly learn some new ones in this spring break day camp.

DAYS	Thursday and Friday
DATES	March 15 and 16
TIME	1 – 4pm
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge
AGES	9 – 12
FEE	\$25
COURSE ID	3875

Hunter Education

Anyone born after January 1, 1972 is required to complete a 12 hour Hunter Safety Course before they can obtain an Iowa hunting license. The two-day course includes instruction on safe handling of firearms and archery equipment, as well as information on hunter ethics, conservation management and hunting regulations.

DAY	DATE	TIME
Must attend both days		
Thursday	March 22	6 – 9pm
Saturday	March 24	8am – 5pm
(Please bring a sack lunch on Sat.)		
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
AGES	12+	
FEE	Free	
TO REGISTER	iowadnr.gov/hunting/hunter-education (Class will be posted after Feb. 1)	



At **Rounded Minds™** our mission is to make top-level extracurricular activities available, convenient and affordable, to parents who desire to raise well-rounded children and establish a strong foundation for their lifelong success.

Our unique programming focuses on building strong bodies and minds simultaneously along with the benefits of natural bilingual learning at an early age.

Every Rounded Minds™ class is designed and led by attentive experts committed to providing safe, energetic, creative and fun educational experiences.

Learn more at roundedminds.com



Rounded Minds Soccer and Spanish

This high-energy fitness program is led by professional soccer coaches who introduce children to fundamental soccer principles, such as using their feet, dribbling, passing, ball control, and shooting by using creative games, positive reinforcement, and even songs. Children will learn the basic rules of the game while practicing sportsmanship and teamwork.

DAYS	Thursdays
DATES	February 1 – March 8
TIME	5:30pm – 6:30pm
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center
AGES	3 – 6
FEE	\$65
COURSE ID	4294



Lifeguard Training Course

PRE-REQUISITES FOR CLASS:

- Minimum age: 15 years
- Swim 300 yards continuously.
- Tread water for 2 minutes using only the legs.
- Complete a timed event within 1 minute, 40 seconds.
- Starting in the water, swim 20 yards.
- Surface dive to a depth of 7 to 10 feet to retrieve a 10-pound object.
- Return to the surface and swim 20 yards on the back to return to the starting point.
- Exit the water without using a ladder or steps.

Students will do most of the book work at home on a computer.

CALL **222.3441** FOR
MORE INFORMATION ON
LIFEGUARD TRAINING CLASSES.



Birthday Parties At The Nature Lodge

Birthdays are special, and we have some great ways to celebrate them! Choose from various themes and locations, and leave the planning details to us. Our parties include: set up, a reserved space for your event, a party host or hostess, a theme related activity, cake, ice cream, juice, paper goods, and most importantly.... the clean up! All parties cost \$110 for the first 12 participants (including the birthday child) and are two hours in

length. An additional fee of \$10 per child will be charged for parties larger than 12, with a maximum of 15 participants allowed. PLEASE NOTE: All party participants must meet the minimum age required for each specific party. To schedule your special date, please call 222-3424.

Reservations must be made at least 2 weeks in advance.

THEME	AGE (of all party participants)
Frozen	5-7
Amazing Animals	5-7
Prehistoric Pals	5-7
Trolls	5-7
Pajama Party	5-7
Star Wars	5-7

Party themes are effective November 1st.



BALLROOM DANCING

LEVEL I & II

Absolute Beginner and Beyond Ballroom

This class is for absolute beginners and for anyone who has some knowledge of various ballroom dances. It will be a great class for Level I review and for those who would like to add additional figures beyond that class. These courses teach: Foxtrot, Swing (East Coast), Waltz, Rumba, Tango and Cha Cha. We will teach 4-6 figures in each dance as we progress through the class. When you complete this course you should be comfortable going to wedding reception dances, cruises, or social dances at business functions and various venues around the Greater Des Moines Area.

LEVEL II AND LEVEL III

Beyond Beginner Ballroom

This ballroom class is for anyone who has completed Level 1 classes or has equivalent experience in dancing and training. If you know some of these dances well you may attend the associated classes. This course teaches 1 dance for 2 weeks before moving on to another dance. Class begins with a review and then new figures and technique will be added. This is not a single course and as many as 4 months will be required to cover all the various dances being taught at this level. PLEASE NOTE! This is a couple's only class.

LEVEL III AND LEVEL IV

Intermediate Ballroom

This ballroom class is for anyone who has completed Level 1 and Level 2 classes or has equivalent experience in dancing and training. If you know some of these dances well you may attend the associated classes. This course teaches 1 dance for 2 or 3 weeks before moving on to another dance. Jim and Suzi will review all the figures taught in previous Level 1/2 classes. They will then add figures and technique to each dance as we progress through the class. This is not a single course and as many as 6 months will be required to cover all the various dances being taught at this level. Dances not included in Level 1/2 class curriculum will be taught at a beginning level as we introduce new dances to the students. PLEASE NOTE! This is a couple's only class.



LEVEL I & II

# OF WEEKS	8			
LOCATION	Valley Junction Activity Center			
DATES	DAYS	TIMES	COURSE ID	FEE
January 7 – February 25	Sundays	12:30 – 1:30pm	3873	\$70 per person
March 4 – April 29	Sundays	12:30 – 1:30pm	3894	\$70 per person
January 11 – March 1	Thursdays	6:45 – 7:45pm	3893	\$70 per person
March 8 – April 26	Thursdays	6:45 – 7:45pm	3865	\$70 per person

LEVEL II & III

DAYS	LOCATION		# OF WEEKS
Mondays	Valley Junction Activity Center		8
DATES	TIMES	COURSE ID	FEE
January 8 – February 26	6:45 – 7:45pm	3910	\$70 per person
March 5 – April 23	6:45 – 7:45pm	3882	\$70 per person

LEVEL III & IV

DAYS	LOCATION		# OF WEEKS
Sundays	Valley Junction Activity Center		8
DATES	TIMES	COURSE ID	FEE
January 7 – February 25	1:30 – 2:30pm	3908	\$70 per person
March 4 – April 29	1:30 – 2:30pm	3874	\$70 per person

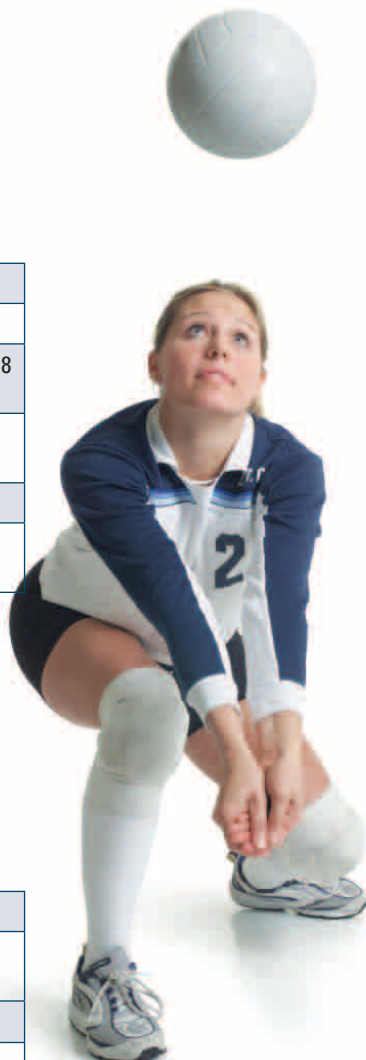


OPEN GYM

Volleyball Open Gym

Bring your friends for an exercise filled evening of recreational volleyball.

DAYS	Tuesdays
TIMES	DATES
7:30 – 10pm	November 14, 2017 – February 27, 2018 (Not held 12/26)
LOCATION	Westridge Elementary 5500 EP True Pkwy, WDM
AGES	18+
FEE	\$2 WDM residents \$3 non-residents



Coed Badminton Open Gym

Drop in for pick-up badminton matches.

DAYS	Sundays
DATES	November 5, 2017 – June 24, 2018 (Not held 11/5, 12/24, 12/31 & 4/1)
TIME	2:30 – 5pm
LOCATION	Valley Southwoods School 625 S. 35th Street, WDM
FEE	\$2 WDM residents \$3 non-residents



Basketball Open Gym

Stop by the gym and shoot some baskets or play in a pick-up game of basketball.

DAYS	Mondays	DAYS	Saturdays
DATES	November 13 – February 26 (Not held 12/25 & 1/1)	DATES	December 2 – March 3 (Not held 12/23 & 12/30)
TIME	6:30 – 10pm	TIME	1:30 – 4:30pm
AGES	18+	AGES	18+
LOCATION	Westridge Elementary 5500 EP True Pkwy., WDM	LOCATION	Hillside Elementary 713 8th Street, WDM
FEE	\$2 WDM residents \$3 non-residents	FEE	\$2 WDM residents \$3 non-residents

ADULT SPORTS

“The Finals” Men’s Basketball Tournament

West Des Moines Parks and Recreation will again be hosting “The Finals” Men’s 5 on 5 basketball tournament. CASH PRIZES AND TROPHIES IN EACH DIVISION. Please call 222-3444 to have an entry form emailed or sent to you.

DAYS	Friday night – Sunday night
DATES	March 30 – April 1
DIVISIONS	High and Low Power
LOCATIONS	• Valley High School 3650 Woodland Ave., WDM • Valley Southwoods School 625 S. 35th Street, WDM
FEE	\$106 per team (tax included)
DEADLINE	Monday, March 19 by 4pm



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ADULT SPORTS

Adult Mens and Coed Softball Leagues

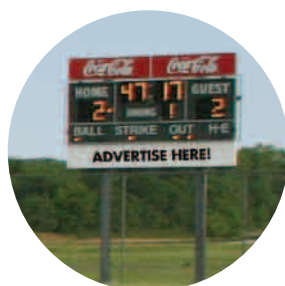
START DATE	Week of Sunday, April 22, 2018
DAY	LEAGUE
Sunday	Coed Recreation (Levels C – D)
Thursday	Coed Recreation
Thursday	Mens Recreation Doubleheader
Sunday	Mens Commercial 50+ League
TU & TH AM	Mens Recreation 60+ Drop-In
Monday	Mens Recreation Doubleheader
Tuesday	Mens Commercial Doubleheader C
Wednesday	Mens Commercial Doubleheader D
Wednesday	Coed Recreation Doubleheader
Wednesday	Mens Commercial 50+ "Draft" League
Wednesday	Mens Recreation Doubleheader
Thursday	Coed Commercial
Wednesday	Coed Recreation

LOCATION	Raccoon River Softball Complex
AGES	Adults (18 & older and out of high school)
DEADLINE	Thursday, March 22, 2018

The West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department will begin accepting applications for our upcoming Adult Mens and Coed Softball Leagues starting in February using Team Sideline. For registration information or to be placed on our emailing list, please contact the Parks & Recreation office at 222-3444. Information also will be posted at www.wdm.iowa.gov/AdultSports in February.

Scoreboard Advertising Opportunity

Please contact Bruce at **222-3454** for details.



Team Roster Sign Up

HOW TO ADD YOUR TEAM ROSTER ONLINE

Important Notes

- 1) Your organization is using this process for you to register your Team and collect payments.
- 2) Your organization is using this process so you have an easy process to identify what players are on your Team Roster, and, so the organization can track what players are on each team.

TEAM ROSTER PROCESS

1 Sign In

Click the "Enroll" button for the Program you want to register in. The Site has a secure online process, so when you click the "Enroll" button you will be prompted to Sign In.

- If you are a new user, click the "Not registered? Create a new account" link and follow the steps to sign in.
- If you are not a new user, then sign in. If you do not remember your password, click the "Forgot your password?" link and follow the steps to be emailed your password.

2 Add Items To Your Cart

After you Sign In, you will be on the "Add Items To Your Cart" page. On this page:

- 1) From the "Enrollee" list select your name
- 2) From the "Enrollment Type" list select "General"
- 3) From the "Program" list select the program
- 4) From the "Offering" list select the offering
- 5) Click the "Add Enrollment" button
- 6) Repeat the above steps if you want to choose additional offerings.
- 7) When done, click the "Proceed to Checkout" button.

3 Team Information

On the Team Information page, complete all information, then click the "Done" button at the bottom of the page.

4 Checkout

On the Checkout page, click the Place Order button at the bottom of the page.

5 Manage Rosters

From the order confirmation page, in the top dark blue navigation bar, select "Manage Rosters" and then select your Team Name.

Add to Roster

- Click the Add to Roster button to add players to your Roster.
- When done, click the Submit button so the organization administering the web site knows you have completed your Roster.
- Important Note: The organization administering the web site can see which rosters are "Submitted" versus not.

Adult Athletic League Team Acceptance Policy

A team admission priority policy was adopted by the WDM Recreation Department in 1992. **It applies to all adult athletic leagues.** The order of priority is as follows:

1st	Returning Teams: Teams who participated in the league the previous season of the current year. (If applicable)
2nd	Returning Teams: Teams who participated in the league the previous year.
3rd	Returning Teams: Teams may be placed in another division at the Department's discretion to equalize competition.
4th	New Teams: Teams that did not participate in the league the previous season or year.
5th	Late Teams: Any team that does not meet the established deadlines set forth by the Department for applications, rosters and fees will be accepted at the Departments discretion.

If more teams apply than we have space for, priority will be given to teams with the highest percentage of players on their roster residing within the City of West Des Moines, in all cases.



ADULT COED KICKBALL LEAGUE SPRING SEASON

Coed Kickball league play this spring at Raccoon River Park Softball Complex. Various leagues will be offered and will start the week of April 23, 2018. Call the Parks & Recreation office at 222-3453 for registration information.

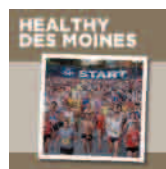
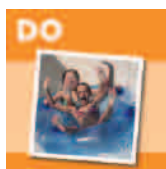
Stay Active - join a league

INDIVIDUAL SOFTBALL, VOLLEYBALL, KICKBALL, BASKETBALL OR FLAG FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Love softball, volleyball, kickball, basketball or flag football but just moved to town or don't have a team to play on? Anyone interested in playing in any of our leagues can go to www.teamsideline.com/WestDesMoines. We can't guarantee you will be placed on a team, but past response has been positive.

CATCH DES MOINES

Catch Des Moines active. Outdoor exploration. Biking trails and water slides. Experience edge-of-your-seat sports action. The thrill of crossing the finish line. The excitement of cheering in the stands. The connection with nature. Choose your journey. Watch. Do. Engage with health and wellness. It's all here in Greater Des Moines!



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Raccoon River Park Softball Complex Field Rental

If you need a facility to easily handle a very large (25-45 team) tournament or a small group just renting one field for an employee, family or friendly softball outing, West Des Moines Parks and Recreation welcomes and encourages community use of this facility when not in use by league play or previously scheduled tournaments.

Concessions will be opened for use for all rentals guaranteeing at least 12 teams. Field prep of mowing outfields, grooming and lining infields is included in all rental fees. Tax is also included in all rental fees. Deposit must accompany agreement to reserve dates.

AVAILABILITY	DATES	April 6 – October 28
	Friday nights	5 – 10:15pm
	Saturdays	8am – 10:15pm
	Sundays	8am – 4pm
	Weekdays	8am – 4pm

RENTAL FEES

Damage/Cleaning Deposit	\$500 per weekend	
Score board Controller Deposit	\$10 per field, per day	
FIELD RENTAL FEES	NUMBER OF TEAMS	PRICE PER GAME
Adult Softball Tourney Rental	20+	\$5
Adult Softball Tourney Rental	Less than 20	\$10
Youth Tourney Rental		\$25
Fall Youth Tourney Rental (after September 1)		\$15
Hourly Rental	\$25 per field, per hour	
*Field Light Usage Fees (assessed only for actual use)	\$35 per hour, per field	
Field Equipment Rental Vehicle (Utility Vehicle and/or Field Groomer)	\$50 per day, per vehicle	
Temporary Fence Set Up/Tear Down	\$100 per field	
Merchandise Sales Commission	10% of gross sales	

* Fridays — FREE Light Fees with Saturday & Sunday Rental

Call 222-3454 or email Bruce.Mankle@wdm.iowa.gov for more information.

Adult Craft Craze!

Are you looking to get out of house and get those creative juices flowing? If so, you may want to sign up for an adult craft craze class. During each class you will leave with a finished or nearly finished item great for decorating or for gifts!

DATE	CRAFT	COURSE ID
December 14	Burlap Wreath This burlap wreath is perfect for any season! You make the wreath and decorate it for the season at hand.	3896
February 22	Essential Oil Bracelet During this class you will create a one-of-a-kind bracelet. It will contain several rough, lava stone beads that will be perfect to scent with your favorite essential oil.	3915
March 29	Decorative Reading Glass holder Ever get tired of looking for your reading glasses? During this class you will create a beautiful and decorative piece of jewelry that is a perfect resting spot for those glasses.	3861
DAY	Thursday	
TIME	9:30 – 11am (Coffee will be served)	
LOCATION	Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge	
FEE	\$10 per class	



REGISTRATION STARTS:

November 14

DAY TRIPS

"The Church Basement Ladies in Rise Up, O Men" at the Circa '21 Dinner Theatre



This show SOLD OUT when we saw it in Amana last fall, so we're going to see it again at the Historic 1920's Dinner Theatre in Moline. "Rise Up, O Men" is a brand new musical featuring the men of the church and your favorite church basement ladies who serve them. As these hard-working farmers discuss their scrap lumber piles and the benefits of solder vs weld, they unintentionally disrupt the order of the kitchen. But that's what happens when you let roosters in the hen house! Rise Up, O Men! shows us a couple of days in the life of a small rural Lutheran church circa 1964. Rated G. Circa '21 is honored to be one of the first dinner theatres in the US to present this show!

DATE	April 20
DAY	Friday
TIME	8am – 7pm
LOCATION	Rock Island, IL
FEE	\$74
REGISTER BY	April 6
COURSE ID	4320

Spring Mystery Trip



Jump on board the mystery bus for an adventurous day full of surprises! You should come prepared for both indoor and outdoor activities since our destination will not be revealed. Please be sure to dress casual and comfortable. This trip will include your lunch, and any admissions to destinations we may visit.

DATE	May 15
DAY	Tuesday
TIME	8am – 6pm
FEE	\$64
REGISTER BY	May 1
COURSE ID	4321

DAY TRIP INFORMATION

These trips generally fill quickly, so please register early. The date listed is a registration cut-off date and not a guarantee that seats will be available until the date listed. Space is limited to 52 people. All day trips are open to people 55 years old and over. All trips depart from the southeast corner of the Valley West Mall parking lot.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

The West Des Moines Community Garden is “growing”! We have added 28 plots to our garden on 50th and EP True. These 10 x10 plots will be available for WDM residents for \$25 / growing season. If you are interested in renting one of these plots please contact Melanie at 515-222-3435 or Melanie.perry@wdm.iowa.gov



GARDEN CLASSES

We are working with Polk County Extension to arrange some garden classes that will be scheduled this spring. These classes will be of particular interest to the members of the West Des Moines Community Garden, but will be available to anyone interested. Check our website for more information.

WDM Parks & Recreation registration form

Account Primary Contact

First Name	Last Name
Birthdate	Phone
Mailing Street Address	Email
City, State, Zip	Card number / exp. date
	CVC Visa, Mastercard, or Discover (Circle one)

WDM Parks & Recreation Waiver And Release

In consideration of my own or my child's participation in the Parks & Recreation (hereinafter referred to as "P&R") program or activity through the City of West Des Moines, Iowa (hereinafter referred to as "City"), we hereby release the City, its officials, employees, representatives, and agents from any and all accidents, injuries, damages, or losses received by my child or by myself through the P&R program that have not been caused by negligence attributable to the City. I also agree and acknowledge that the City is not responsible for any intentional or reckless actions of the City's officials, employees, representatives, and agents since those actions are the sole conduct of the responsible individual(s). I further agree and acknowledge that this release of liability is full, complete, and comprehensive, and it covers all accidents, injuries, damages, or losses, known or unknown, and any and all costs related thereto arising out of or otherwise related to my child's participation or my own participation in programs or activities, and that this release is binding upon our heirs, successors, and assigns.

We certify that my child and or myself has received a proper physical examination within the past year and that we are physically able to participate in all P&R activities. We understand that it is our obligation to timely inform P&R of any restrictions or limitations regarding our physical abilities. We also understand that it is our obligation to follow all regulations and rules set forth by P&R in the performance of the activities. We hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its officials, employees, representatives, and agents from any and all claims, settlements, and judgments, including all reasonable investigative fees, attorney's fees, and court costs for any injury, damage, or loss, which is due to or arises in whole or in part due to negligent, reckless, or intentional actions taken by my child or by myself.

Participant First Name	Participant Last Name	Birthdate	Activity	Course ID	Fee

Please make checks payable to the City of West Des Moines

MAIL to: WDM Parks & Recreation • P.O. Box 65320 • West Des Moines, IA 50265

DROP OFF this form with your payment at the Parks & Recreation Administration Office
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